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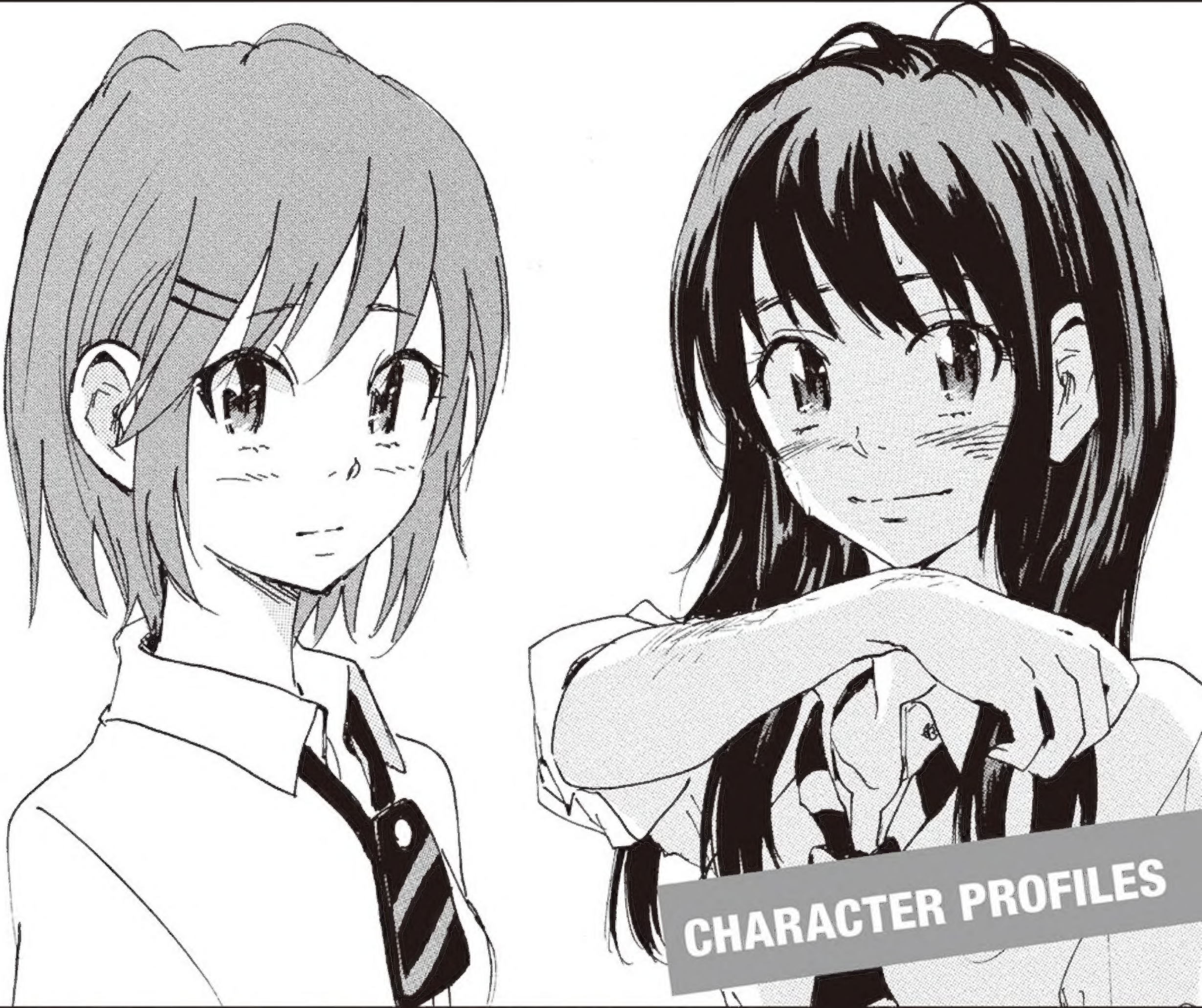


CHARACTER PROFILES

AOI FUKASAKU

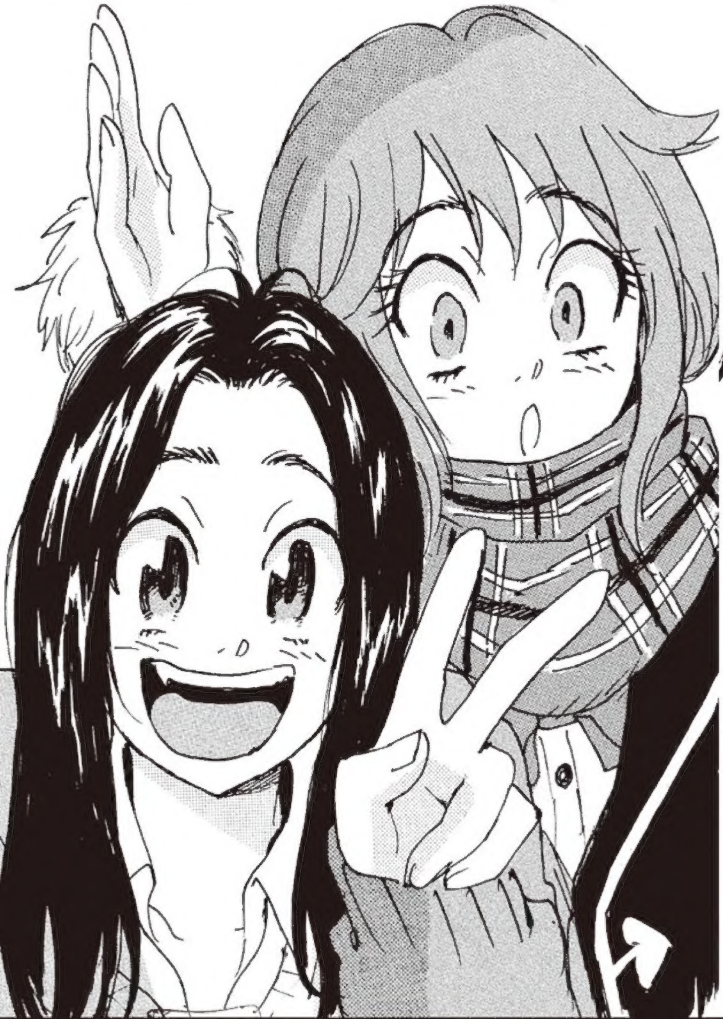
(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's cheerful icebreaker. Aoi has a bottomless stomach, and although she constantly complains, her bright personality lifts the others up despite the disheartening conditions in Tokyo. There seems to be a mysterious power sleeping inside her...

IBARA NARUSE

(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR)

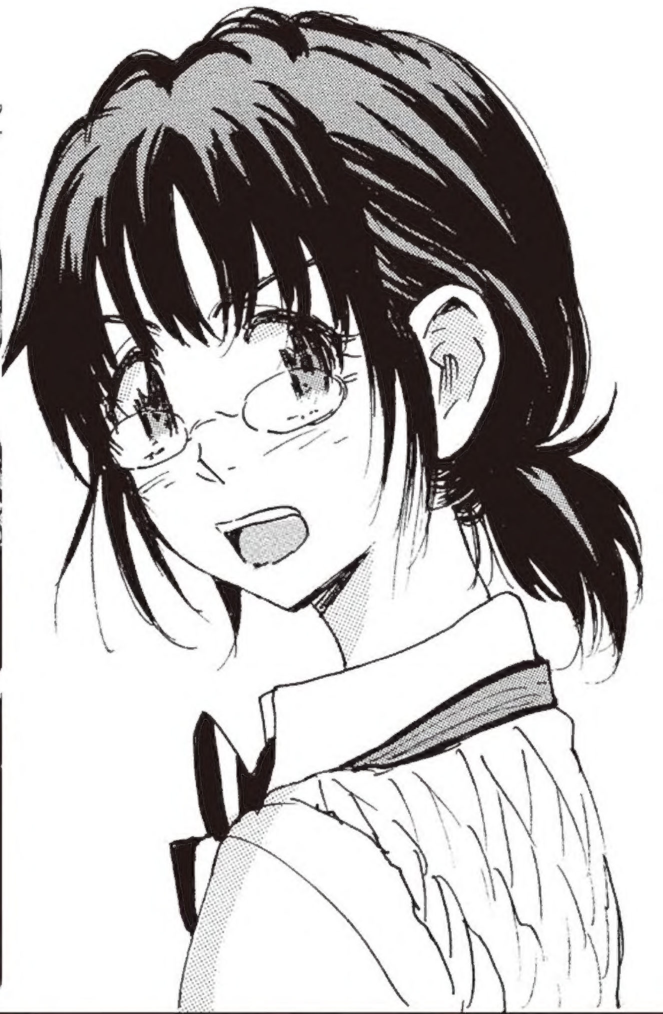
Leader of the Coppelion Medical Unit. She possesses staggering athletic ability, and her combat skills are excellent. Relying on her strong conviction to save everyone in Tokyo to give her strength, she leads the search for survivors. Her speech can be a bit rough.



OZU SISTERS

(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEARS)

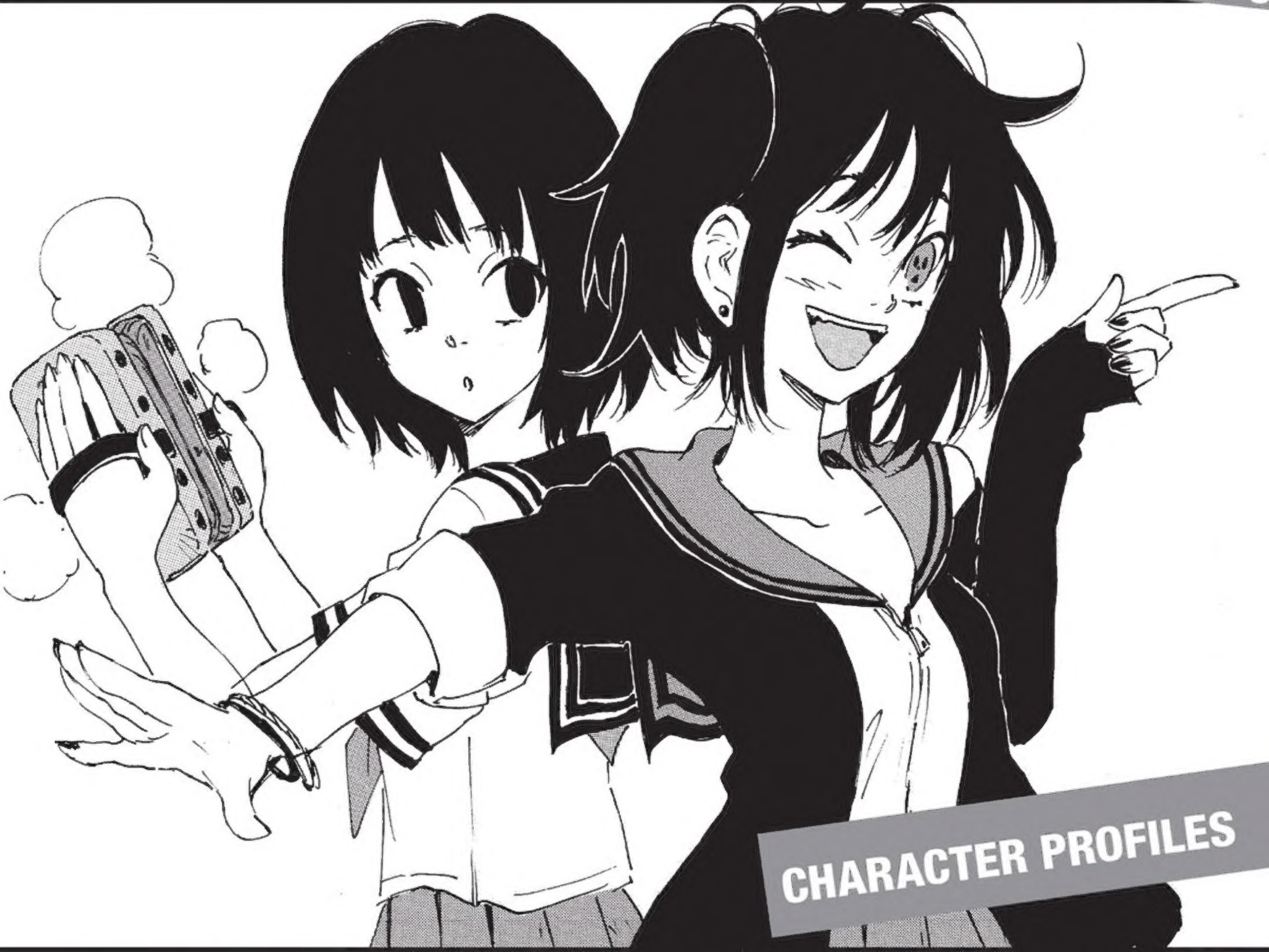
Twin sisters in the Cleanup Crew. Kanon (right), the older sister, can generate lightning, and Shion (left), the younger sister, has super strength. They're both incredibly violent, but reformed after their battle with Ibara.



TAEKO NOMURA

(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's comforting member. She's quite knowledgeable and has superhuman senses (she wears glasses to reduce her eyesight to 10% of its true strength, because she sees too far). She loves animals.



CHARACTER PROFILES

MANA TSUBURAYA

(HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR)

A second-year Coppelion. She's a defect with a "bug"—her body releases neutrons. She seems to be able to harness incredible energy to create shockwaves, but the rest is a mystery...

MEISA ICHIKAWA

(HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR)

A second-year Coppelion. She can disassemble and reassemble her body at the atomoic level, a power which she calls "particle break." She's working under Dr. Coppelius against Ibara and the others so that he'll fix the second-years' defect. She likes online games.

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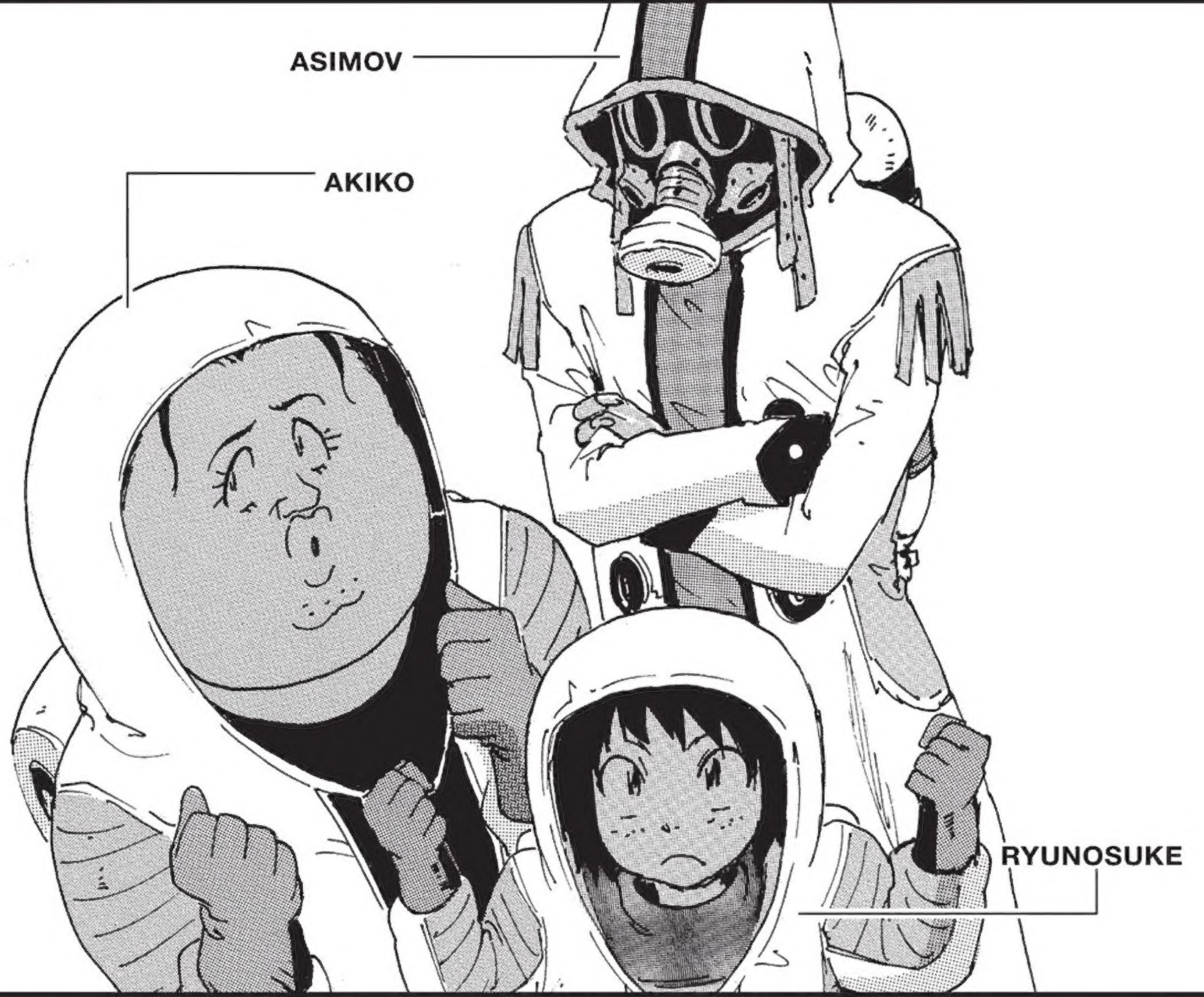
KEEP OUT


ASIMOV
AKIKO
RYUNOSUKE

SHIBUYA AREA SURVIVORS

The survivors who live in the Shibuya shelter. They came to Shinto Bank to get supplies from another group of survivors in Shinjuku, who'd moved there after they had a falling out. On the way, they ran into Mana Tsuburaya, but Ibara showed up just in time to save them.

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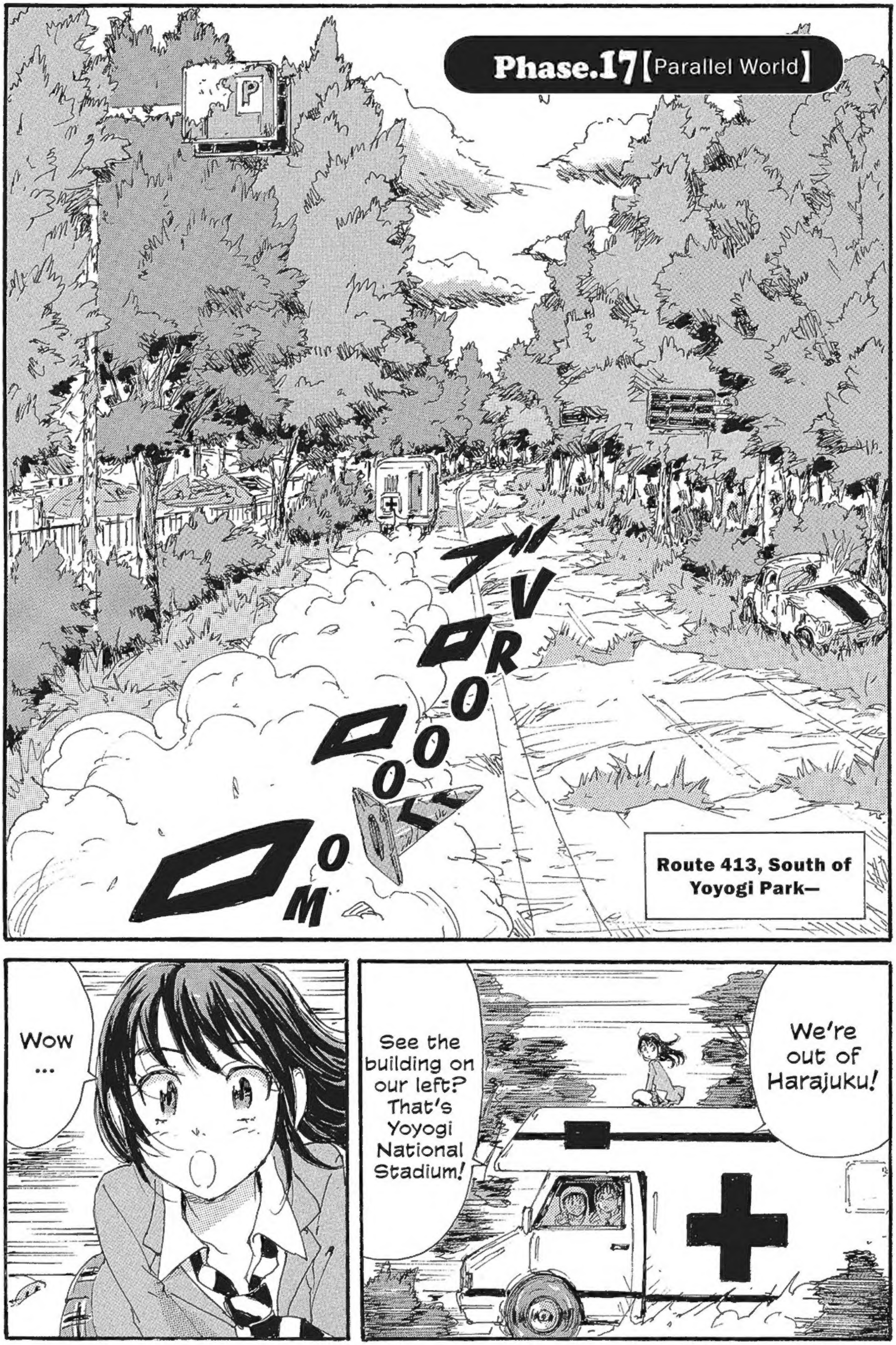
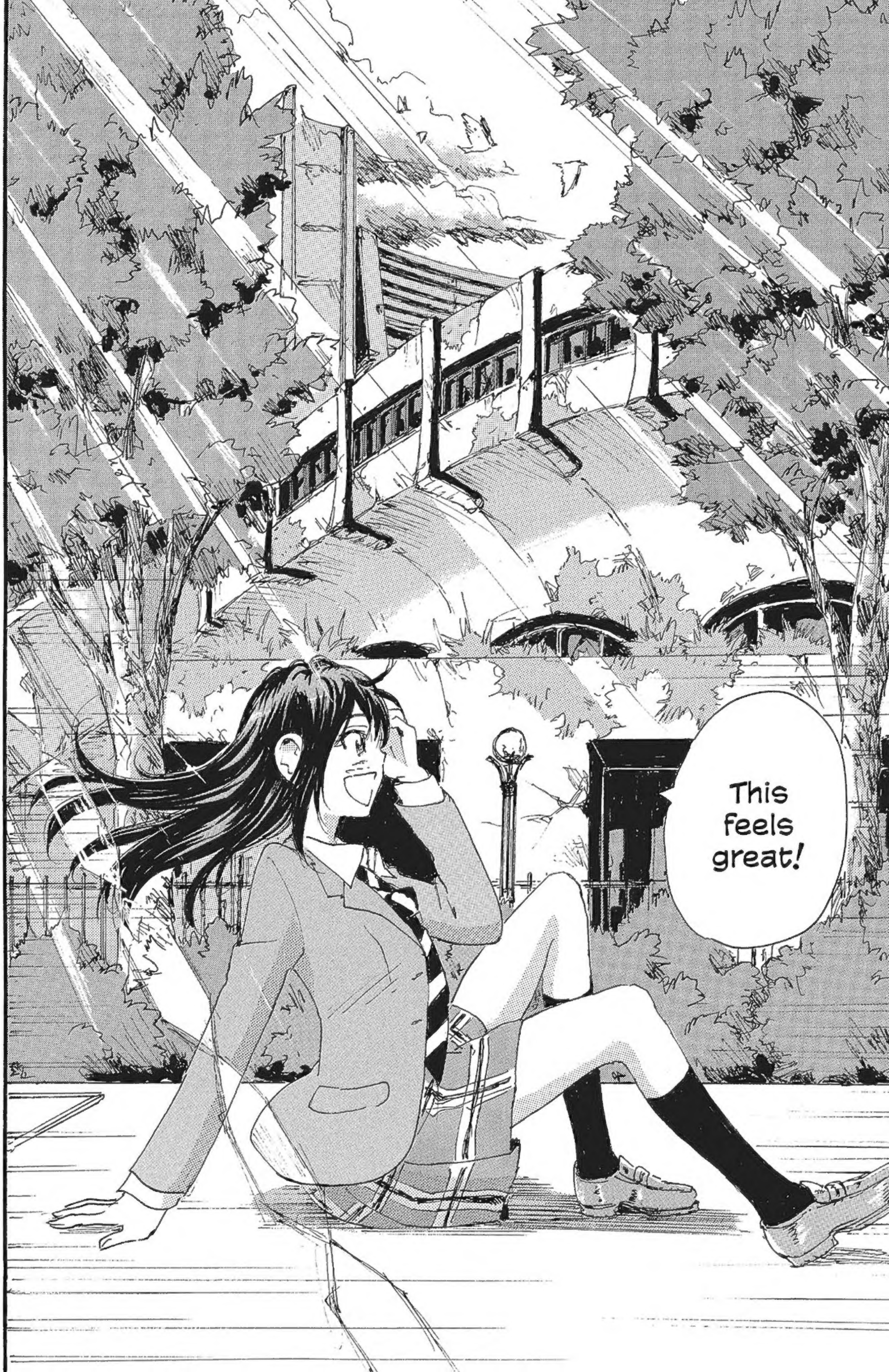
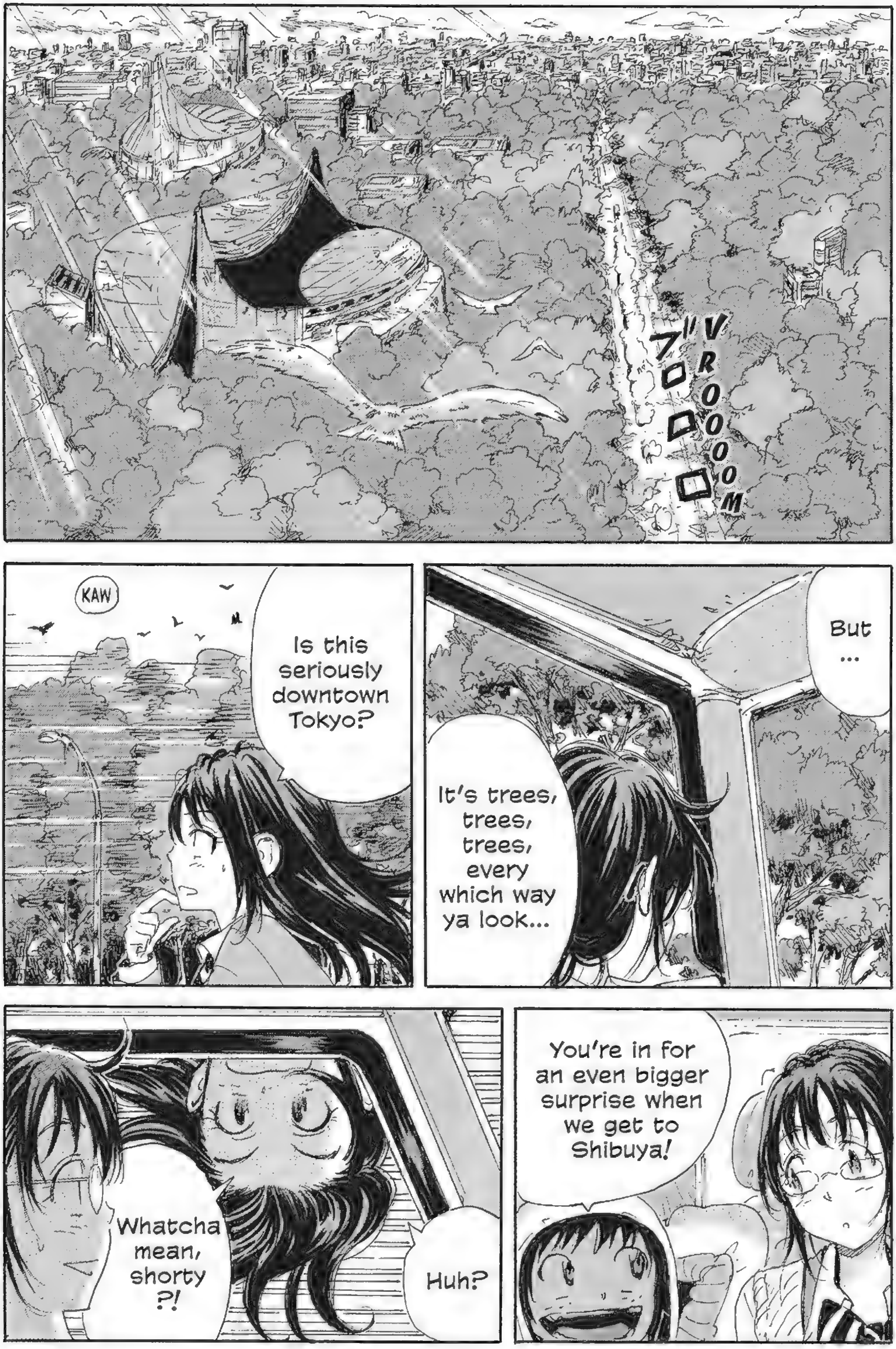
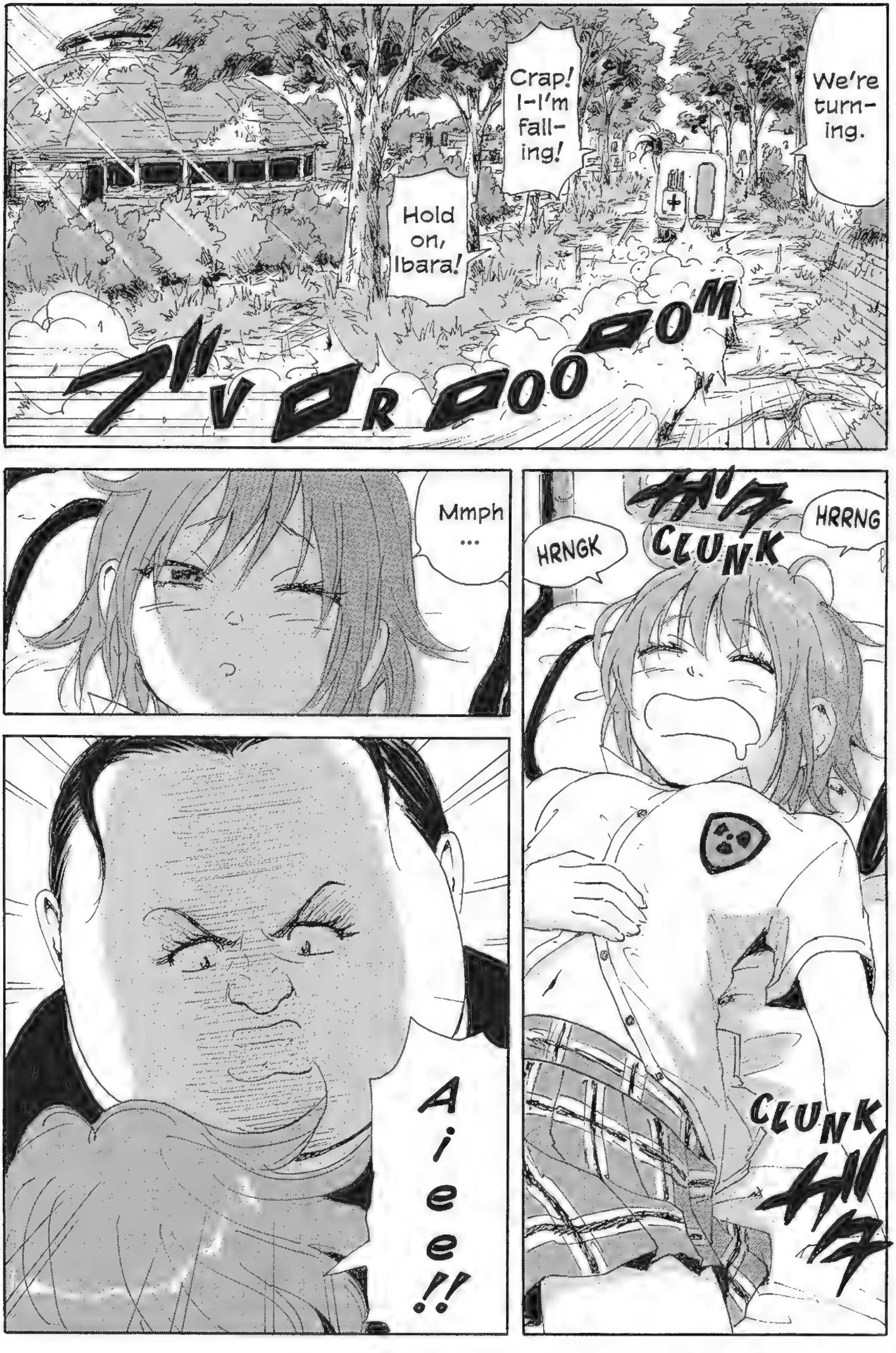
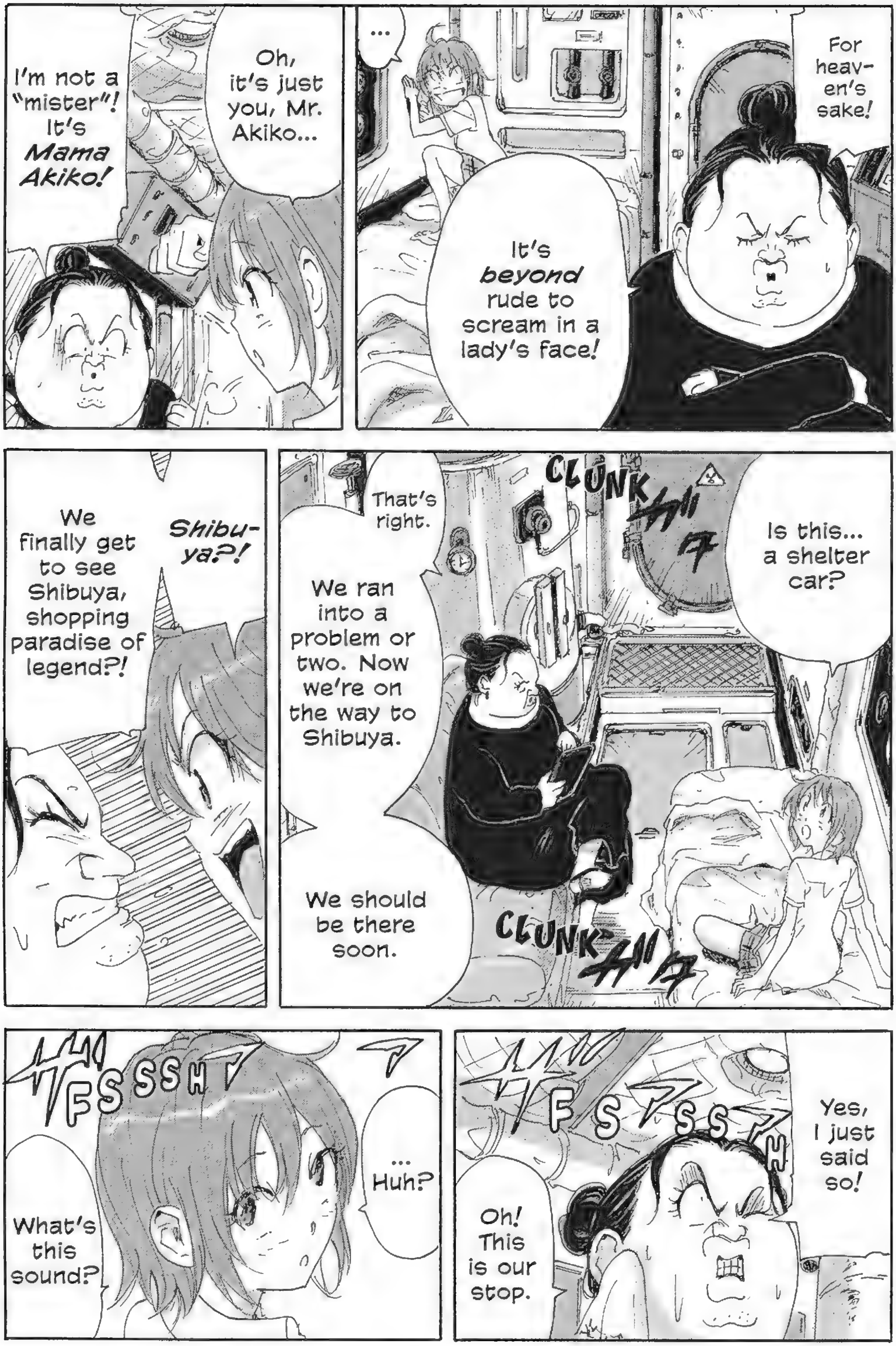
Phase.17【Parallel World】

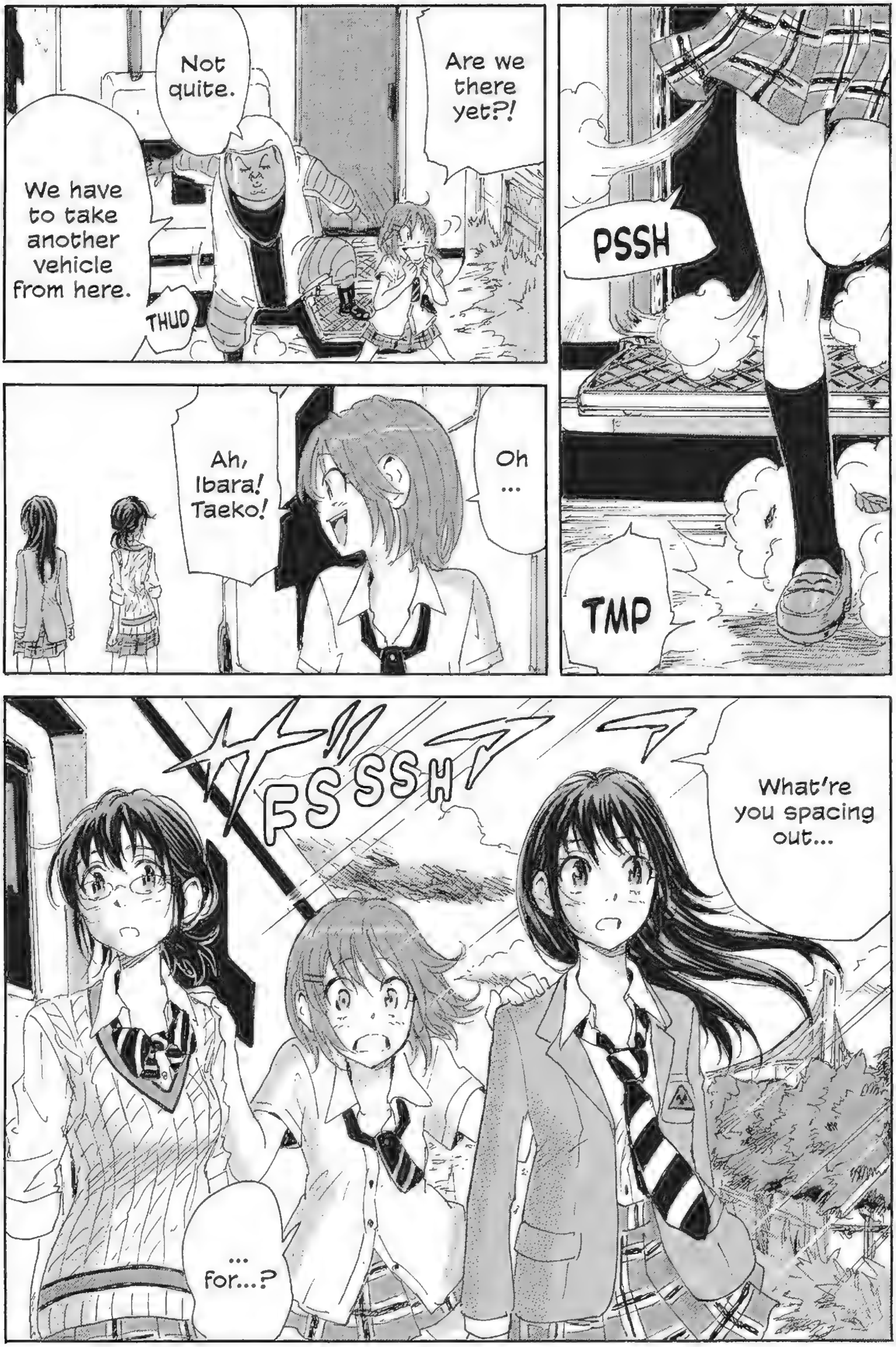

ブVROOOOOOM
Route 413, South of Yoyogi Park—
We're out of Harajuku!
See the building on our left? That's Yoyogi National Stadium!
Wow ...

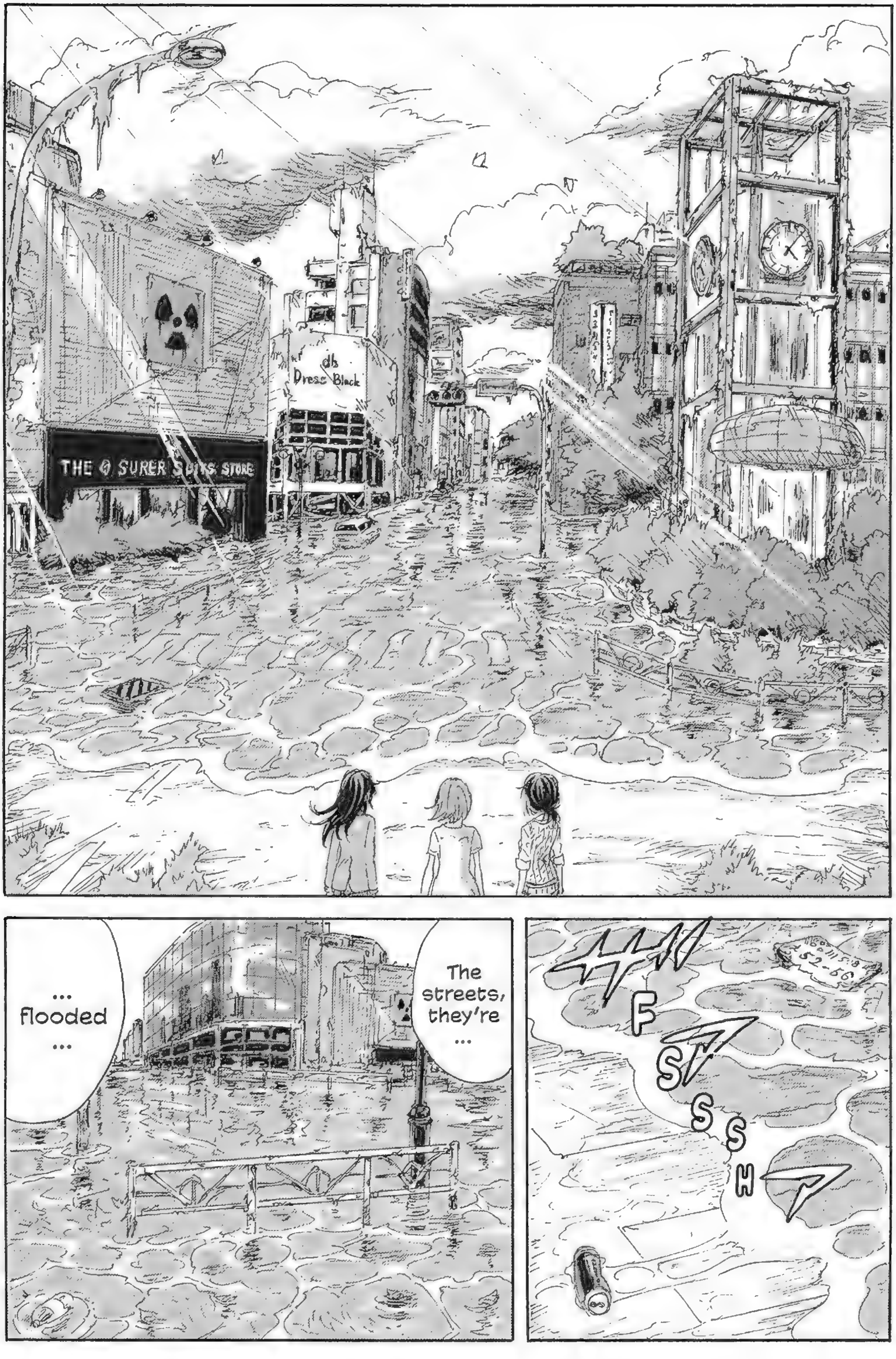

This feels great!

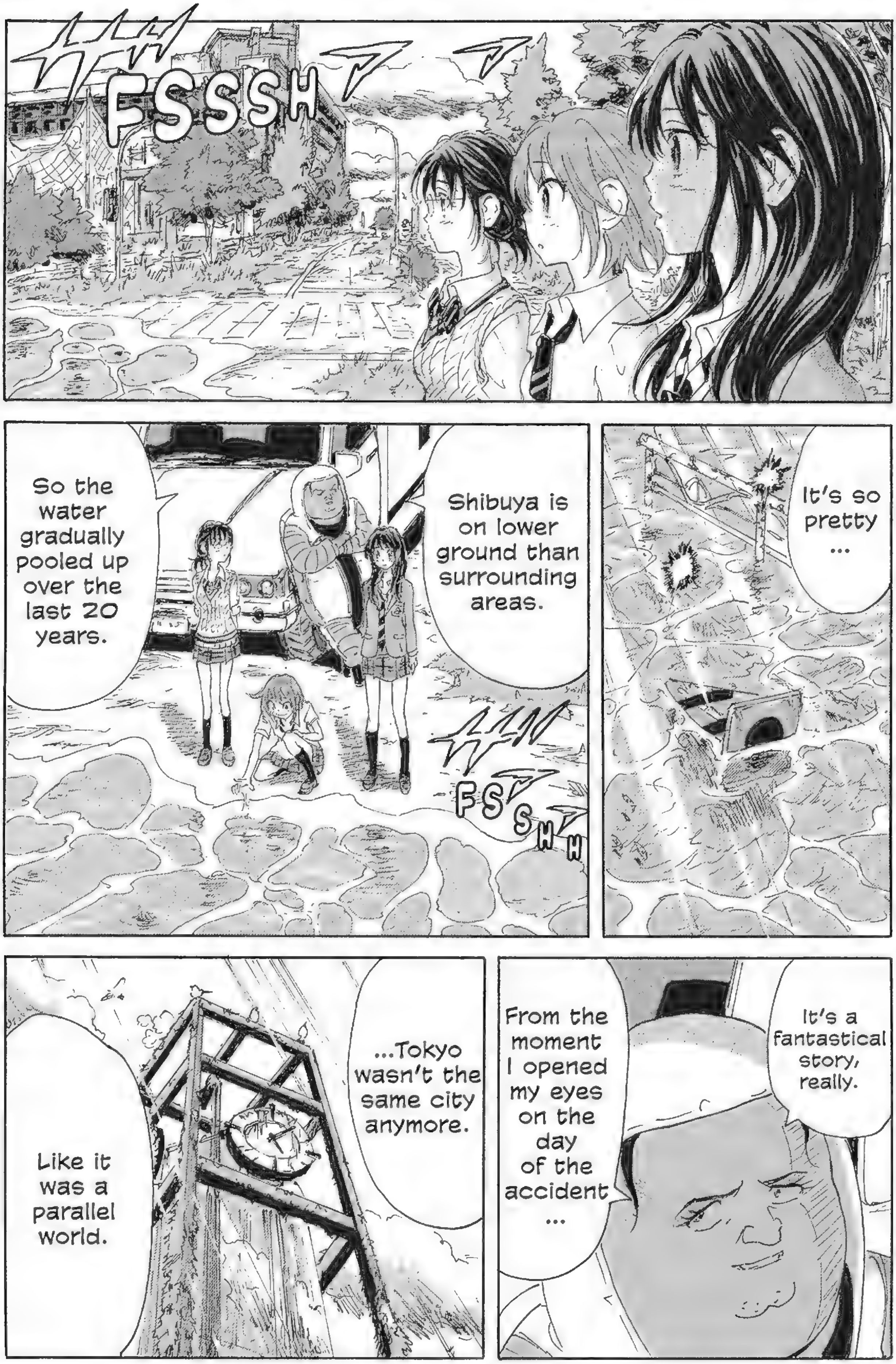

ブロロロ
VROOOOOM
But ...
It's trees, trees, trees, every which way ya look...
KAW
Is this seriously downtown Tokyo?
You're in for an even bigger surprise when we get to Shibuya!
Huh?
Whatcha mean, shorty ?!

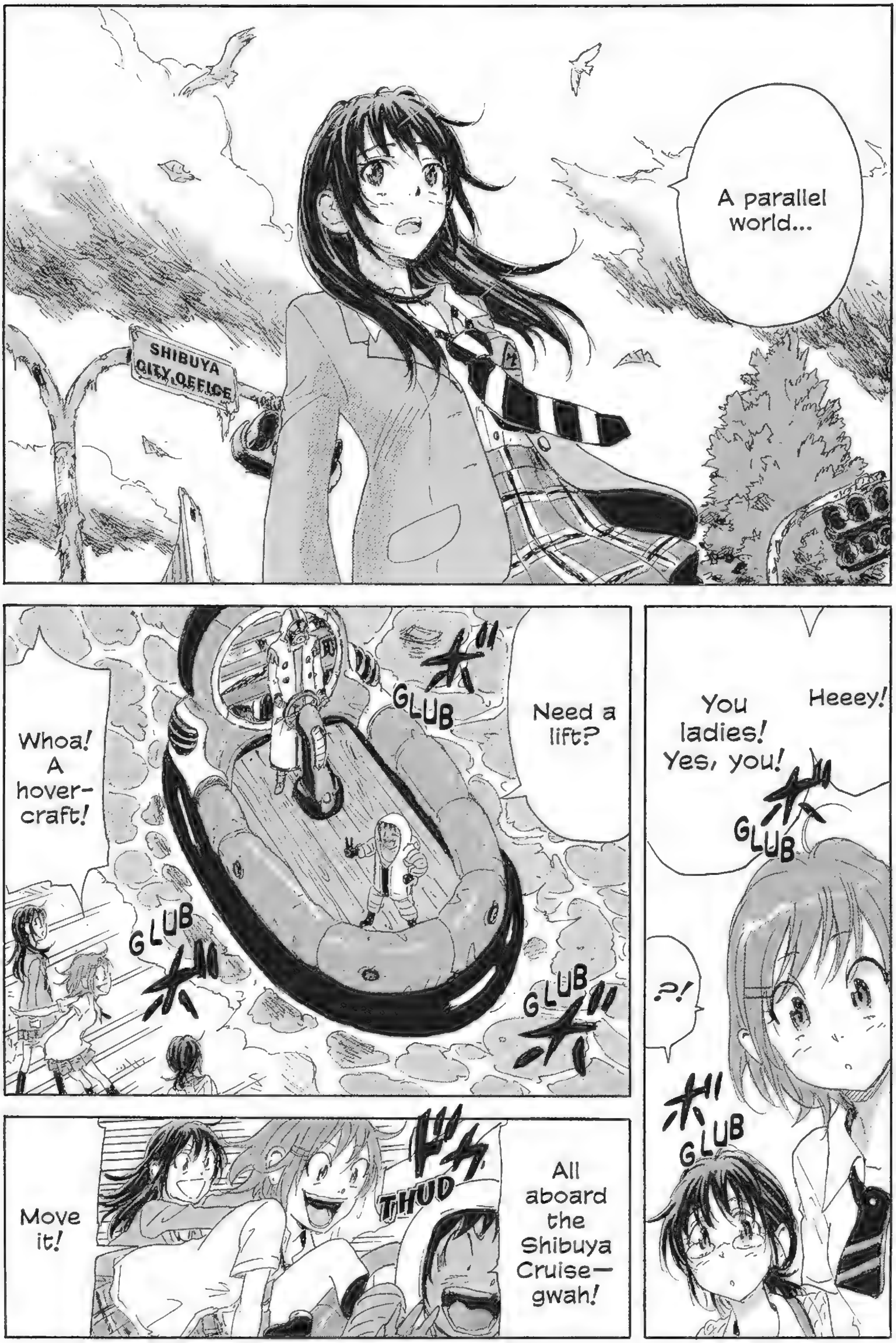

We're turning.
Crap! I-I'm falling!
Hold on, Ibara!
VROOOOOM
HRRNG
CLUNK
HRNGK
CLUNK
Mmph ...
Aieee!!

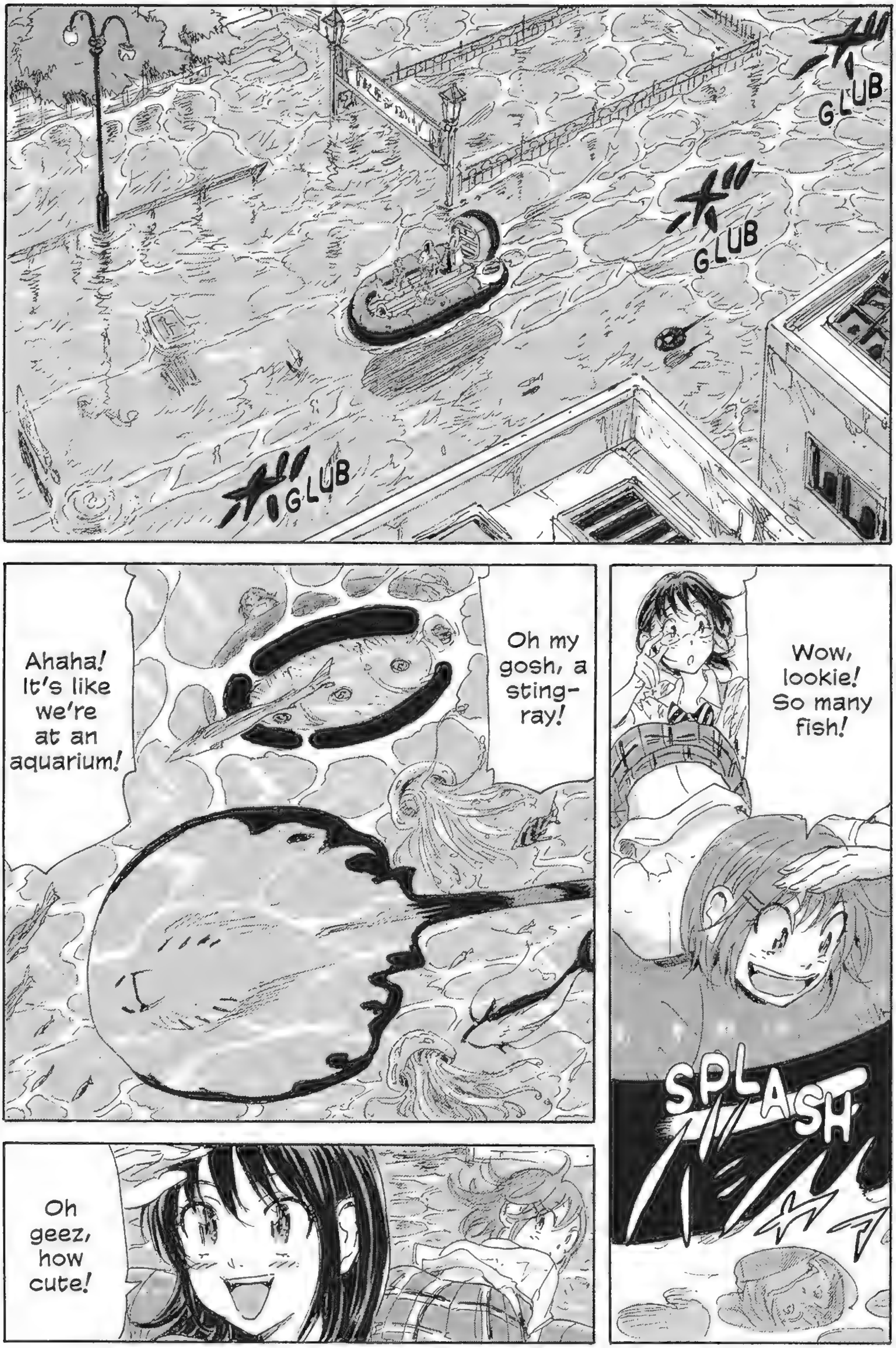

For heaven's sake!
It's *beyond* rude to scream in a lady's face!
...
Oh, it's just you, Mr. Akiko...
I'm not a "mister"! It's *Mama Akiko!*
Is this... a shelter car?
CLUNK
That's right.
We ran into a problem or two. Now we're on the way to Shibuya.
CLUNK
We should be there soon.
Shibuya?!
We finally get to see Shibuya, shopping paradise of legend?!
Yes, I just said so!
FSSSH
Oh! This is our stop.
...Huh?
FSSSHT
What's this sound?

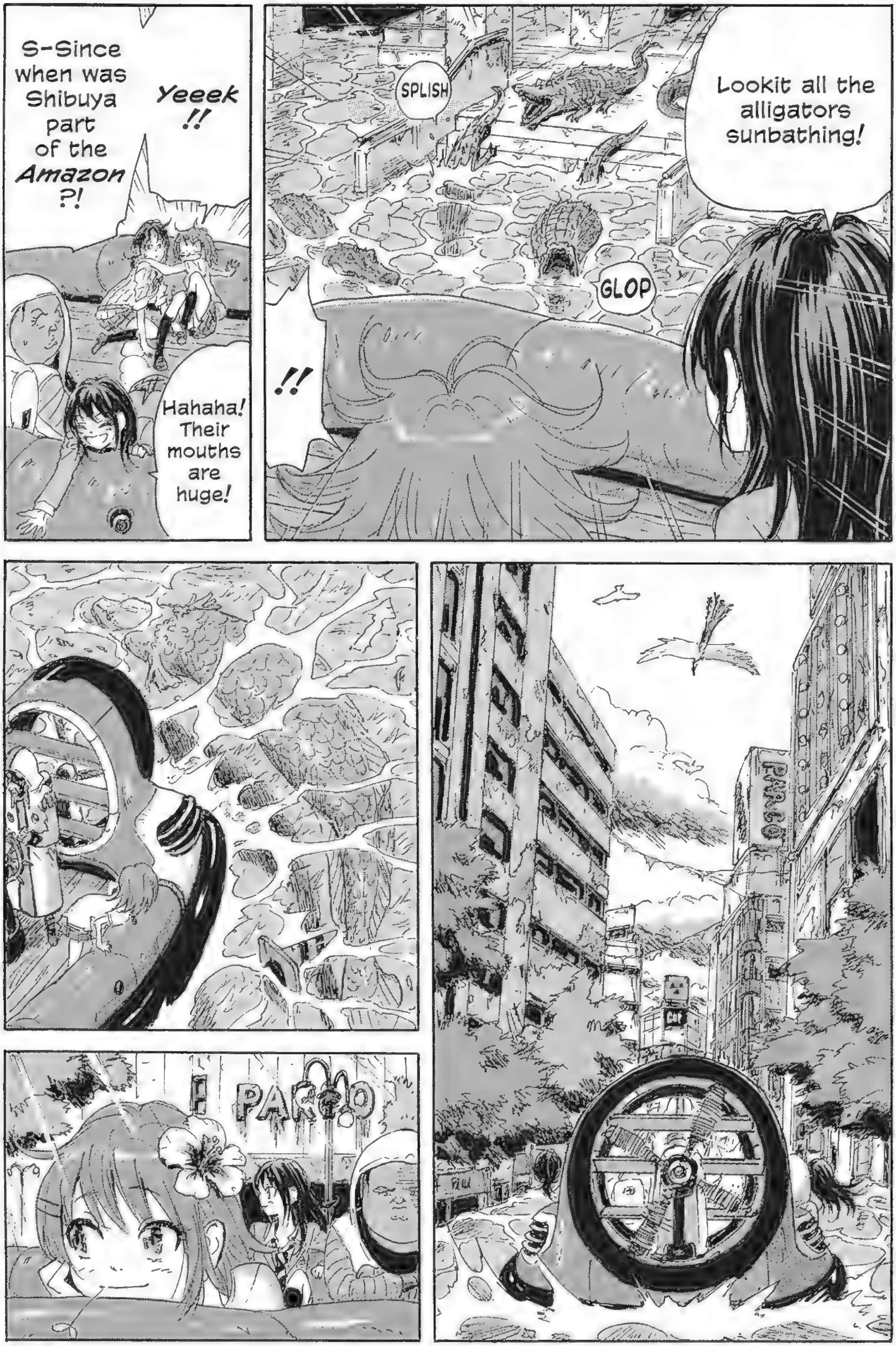

PSSH
TMP
Are we there yet?!
Not quite.
We have to take another vehicle from here.
THUD
Oh …
Ah, Ibara! Taeko!
FSSSH
What're you spacing out...
... for...?

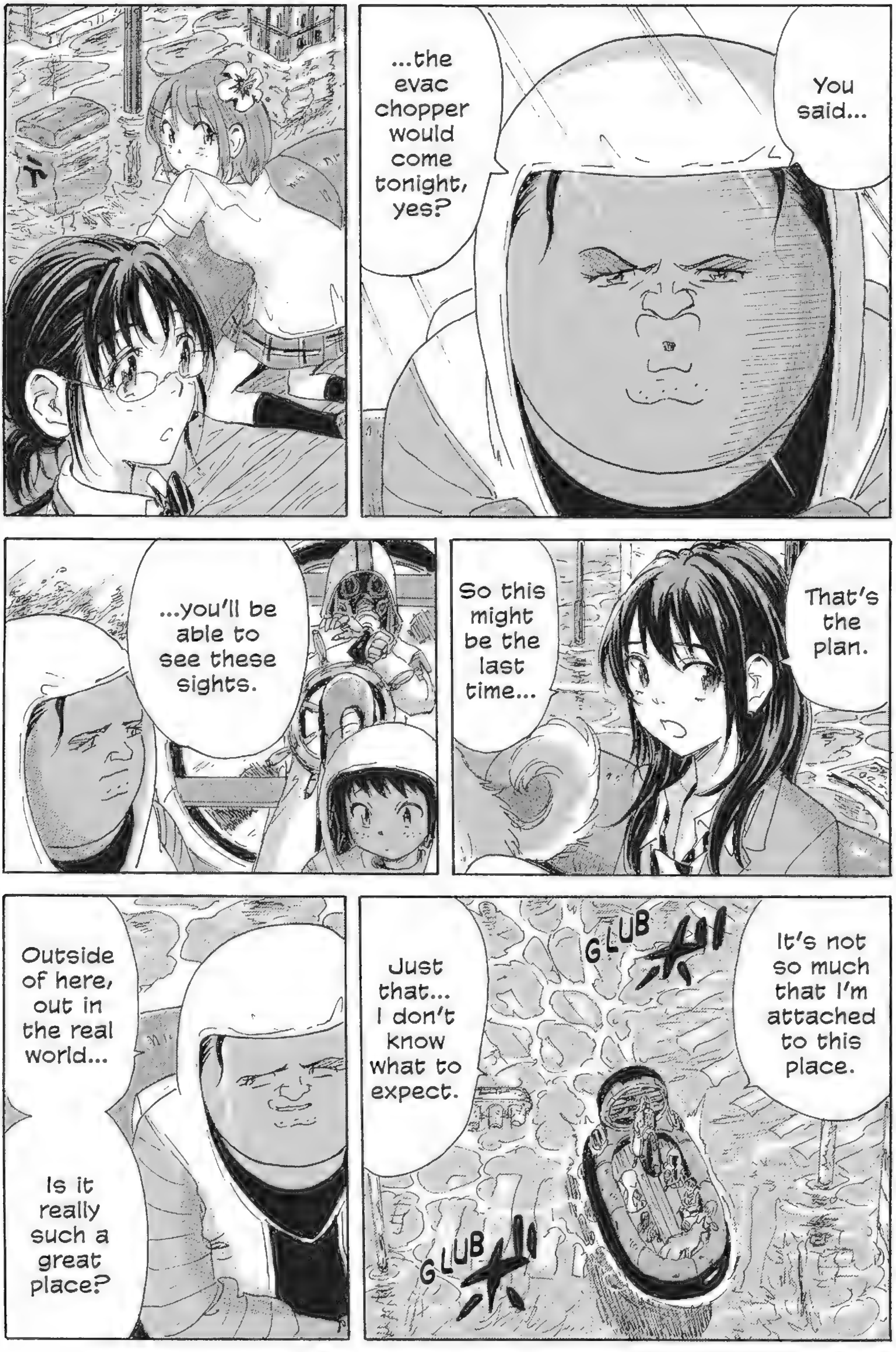

THE SURER SUITS STORE
db
Dress Block
FSSSH
152-66
The streets, they're ...
... flooded ...

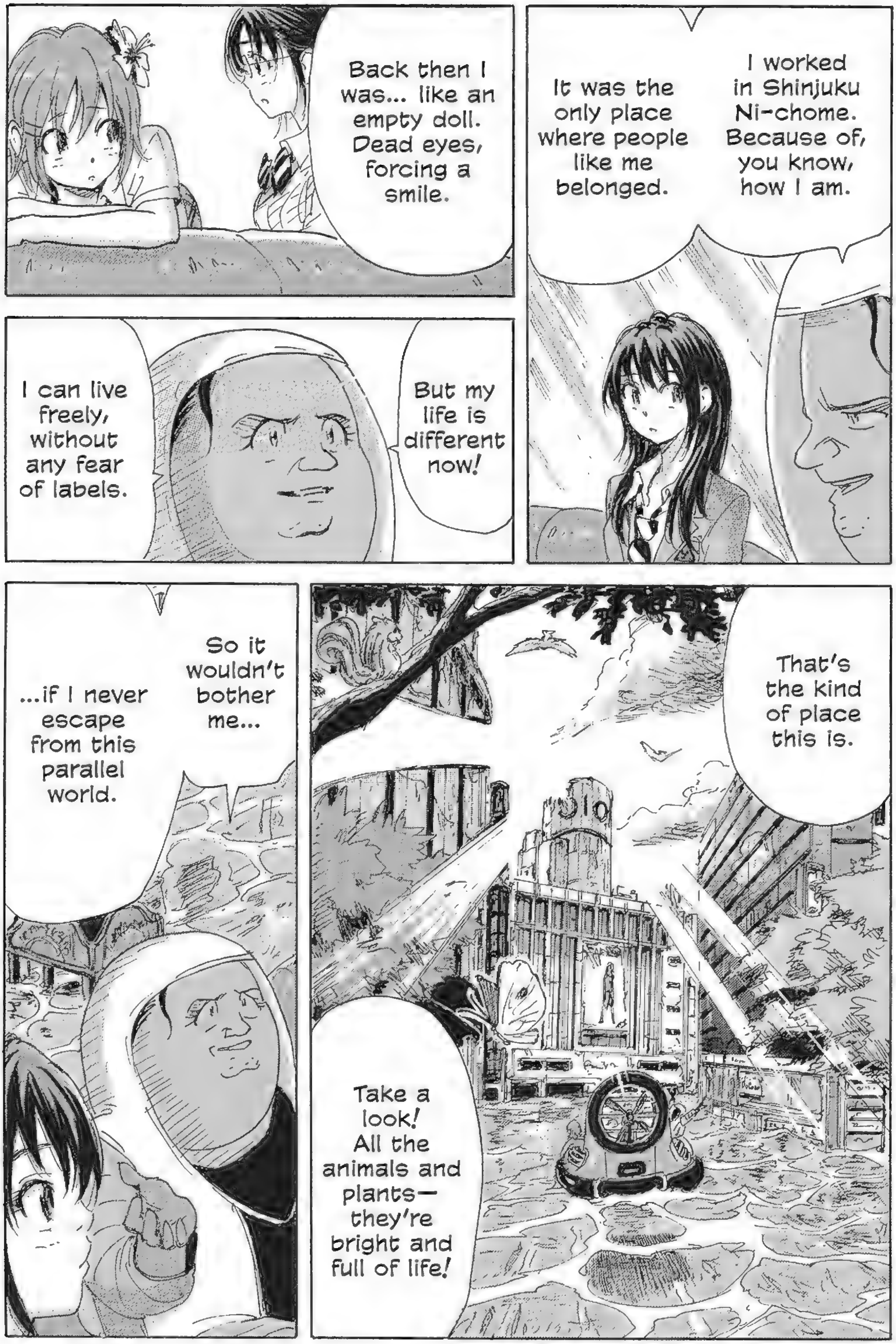

FSSSH
It's so pretty ...
Shibuya is on lower ground than surrounding areas.
So the water gradually pooled up over the last 20 years.
FSSHH
It's a fantastical story, really.
From the moment I opened my eyes on the day of the accident ...
...Tokyo wasn't the same city anymore.
Like it was a parallel world.

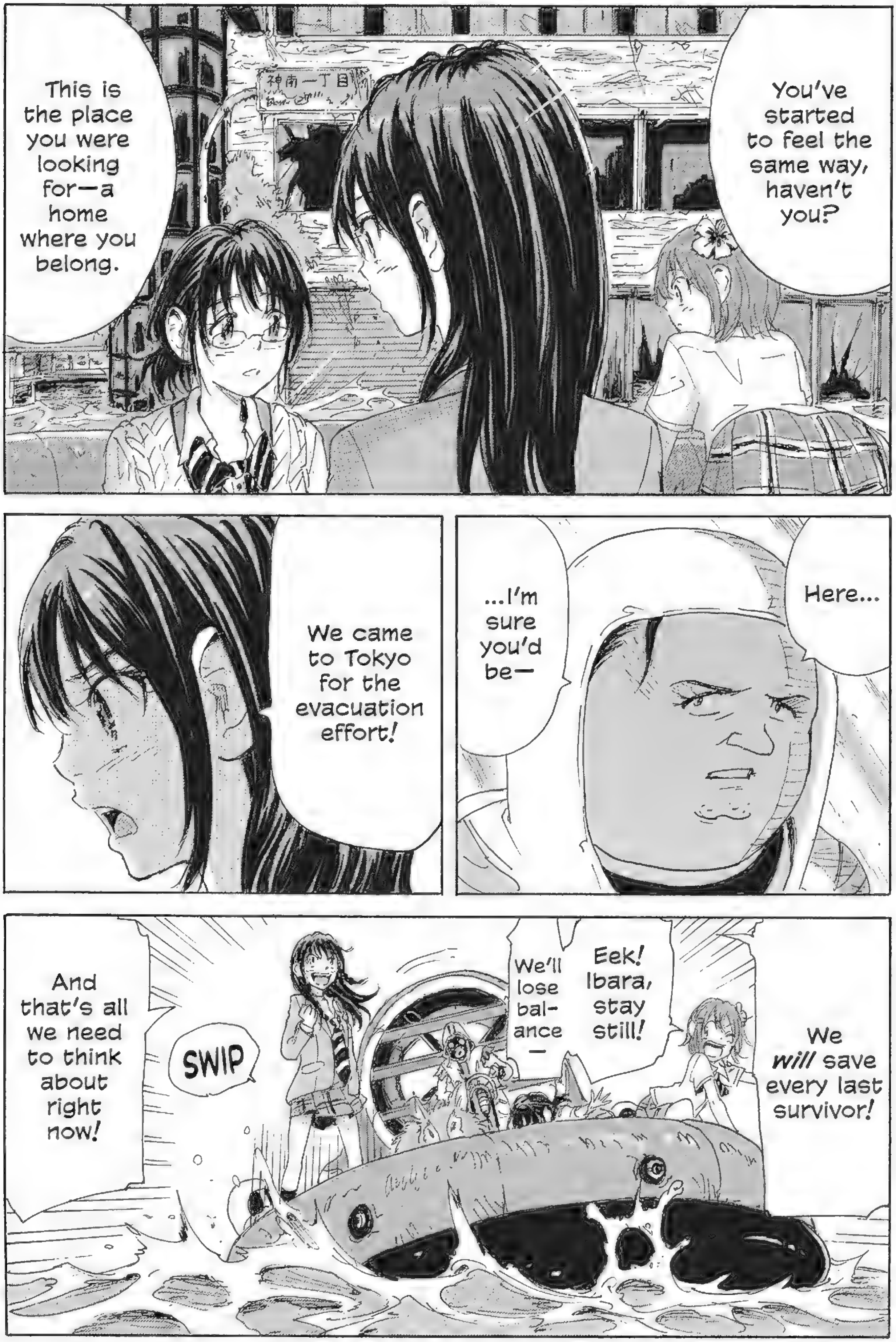

A parallel world...
SHIBUYA CITY OFFICE
Heeey!
You ladies! Yes, you!
GLUB
?!
GLUB
Need a lift?
GLUB
Whoa! A hovercraft!
GLUB
GLUB
All aboard the Shibuya Cruise—gwah!
THUD
Move it!

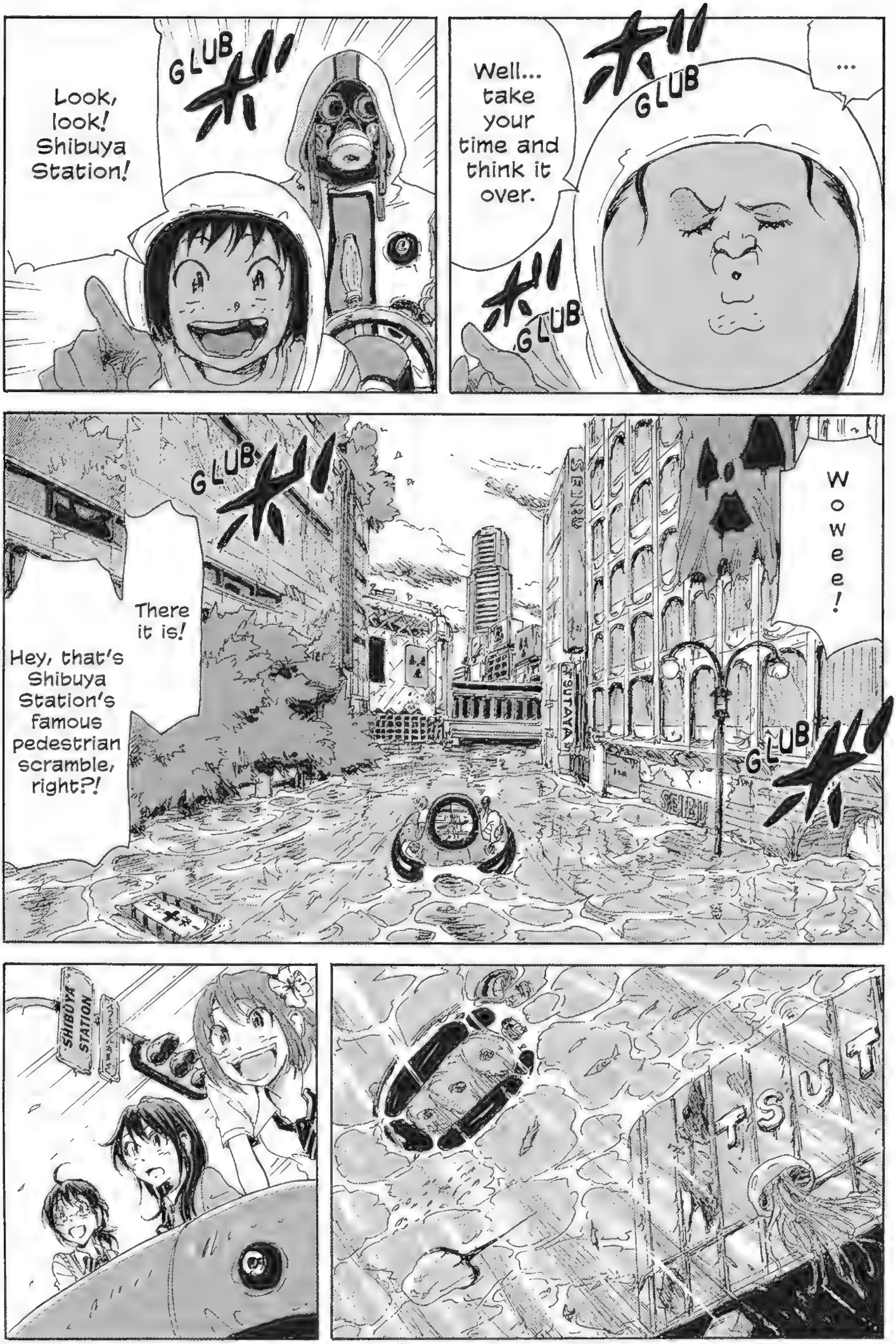

GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
Wow, lookie! So many fish!
SPLASH
Oh my gosh, a sting-ray!
Ahaha! It's like we're at an aquarium!
Oh geez, how cute!

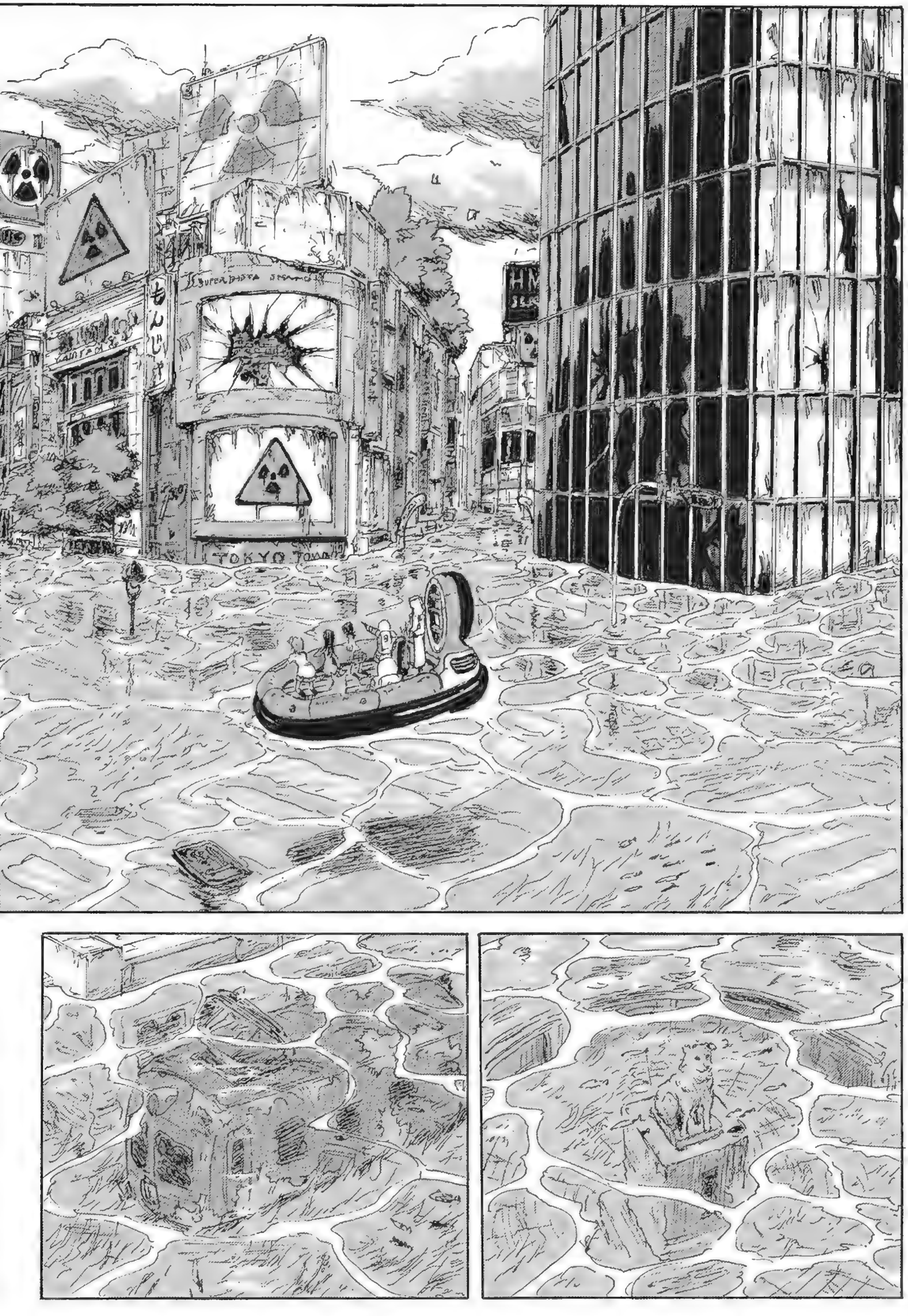

Lookit all the alligators sunbathing!
SPLISH
GLOP
!!
Yeeek!!
S-Since when was Shibuya part of the *Amazon*?!
Hahaha! Their mouths are huge!
PARCO
GAP
PARCO

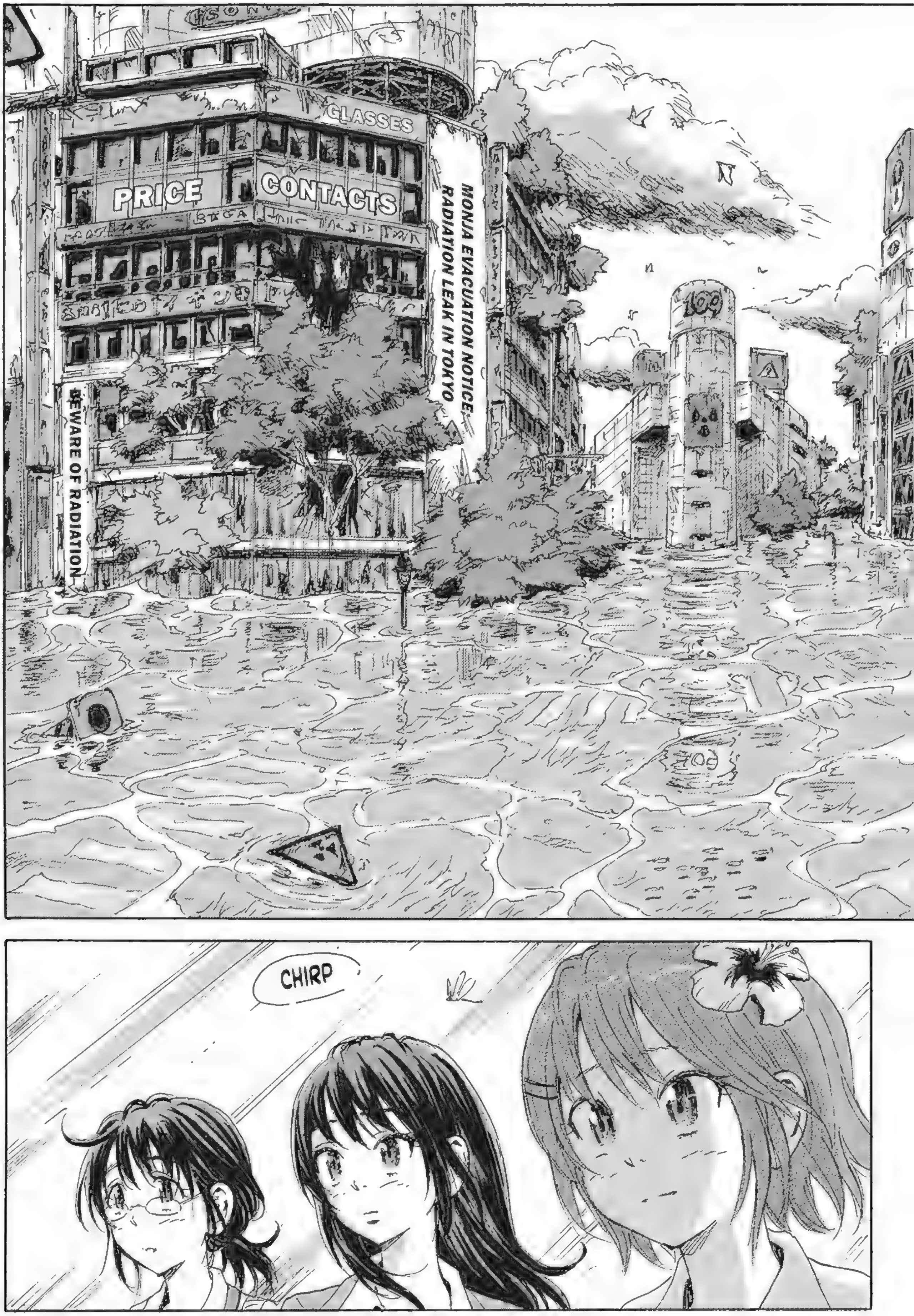

You said...
...the evac chopper would come tonight, yes?
That's the plan.
So this might be the last time...
...you'll be able to see these sights.
It's not so much that I'm attached to this place.
GLUB
GLUB
Just that... I don't know what to expect.
Outside of here, out in the real world...
Is it really such a great place?

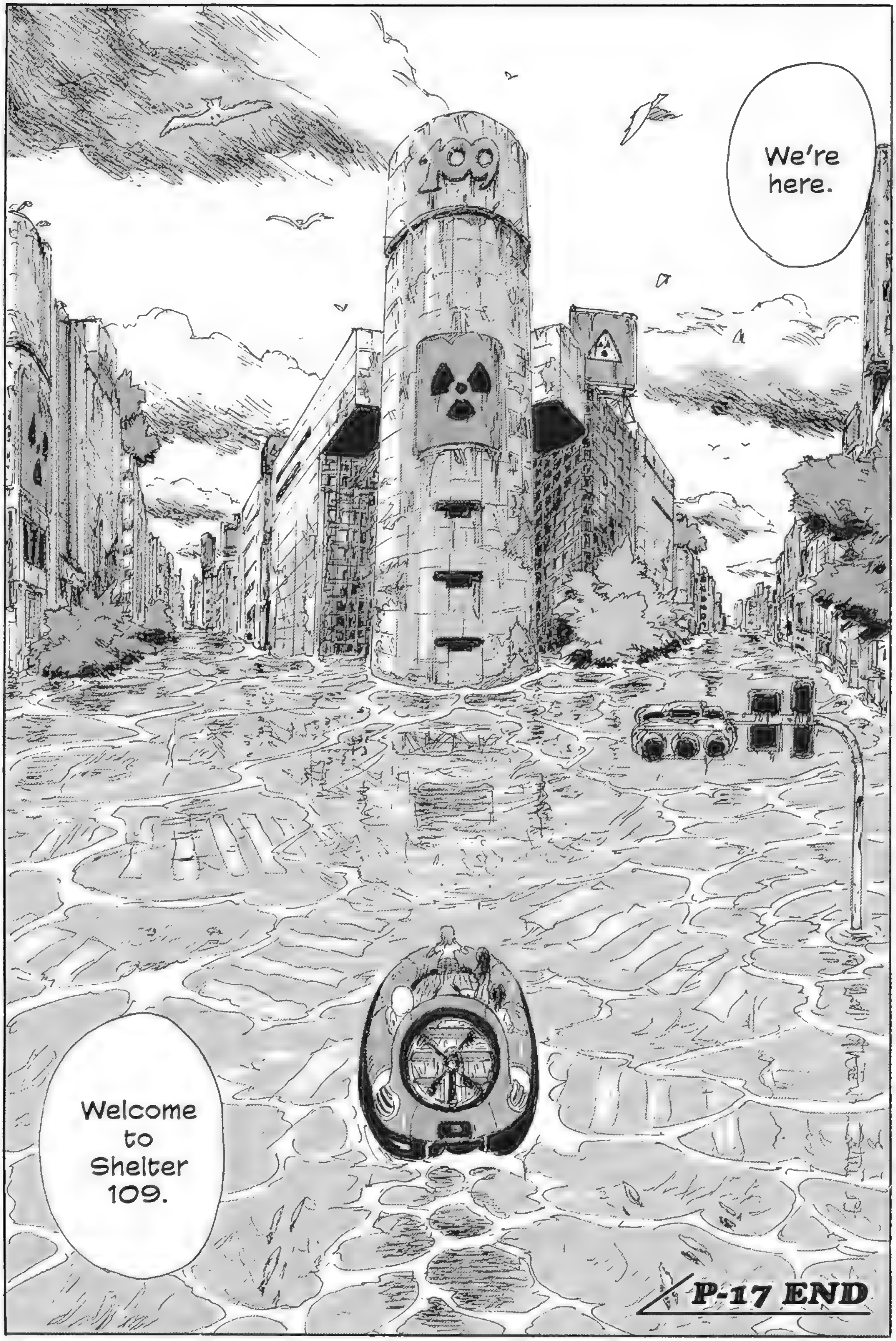

I worked in Shinjuku Ni-chome. Because of, you know, how I am.
It was the only place where people like me belonged.
Back then I was... like an empty doll. Dead eyes, forcing a smile.
But my life is different now!
I can live freely, without any fear of labels.
That's the kind of place this is.
Take a look! All the animals and plants—they're bright and full of life!
So it wouldn't bother me...
...if I never escape from this parallel world.


You've started to feel the same way, haven't you?
神南一丁目
This is the place you were looking for—a home where you belong.
Here...
...I'm sure you'd be—
We came to Tokyo for the evacuation effort!
We *will* save every last survivor!
Eek! Ibara, stay still!
We'll lose bal-ance—
SWIP
And that's all we need to think about right now!


GLUB
Look, look! Shibuya Station!
Well... take your time and think it over.
GLUB
...
GLUB
GLUB
There it is!
Hey, that's Shibuya Station's famous pedestrian scramble, right?!
Wowee!
SEIBU
TSUTAYA
SEIBU
GLUB
SHIBUYA STATION
TSUT


もんじゃ
TOKYO


109
MONJA EVACUATION NOTICE
RADIATION LEAK IN TOKYO
GLASSES
CONTACTS
PRICE
BEWARE OF RADIATION
109
CHIRP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We're here.
Welcome to Shelter 109.
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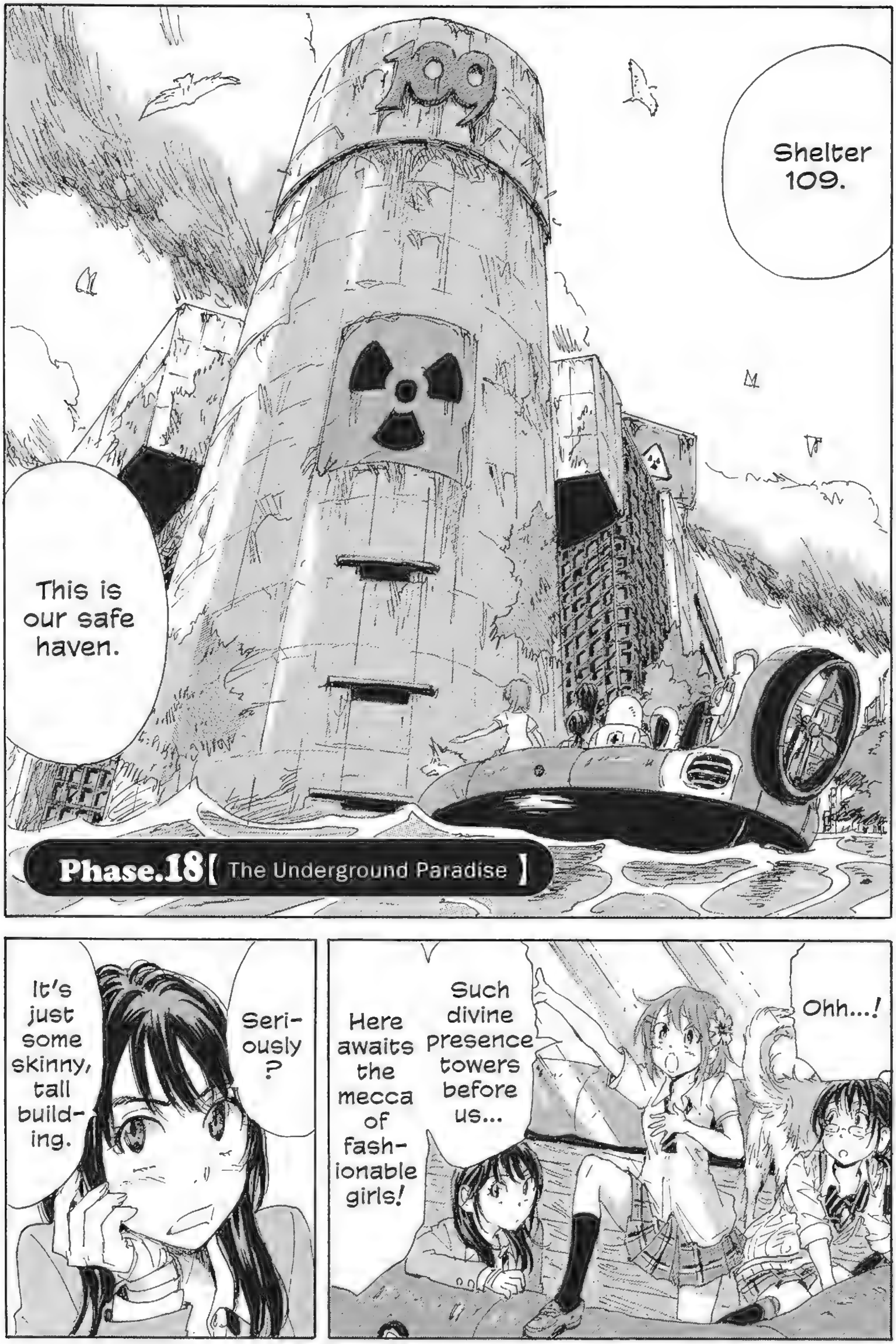
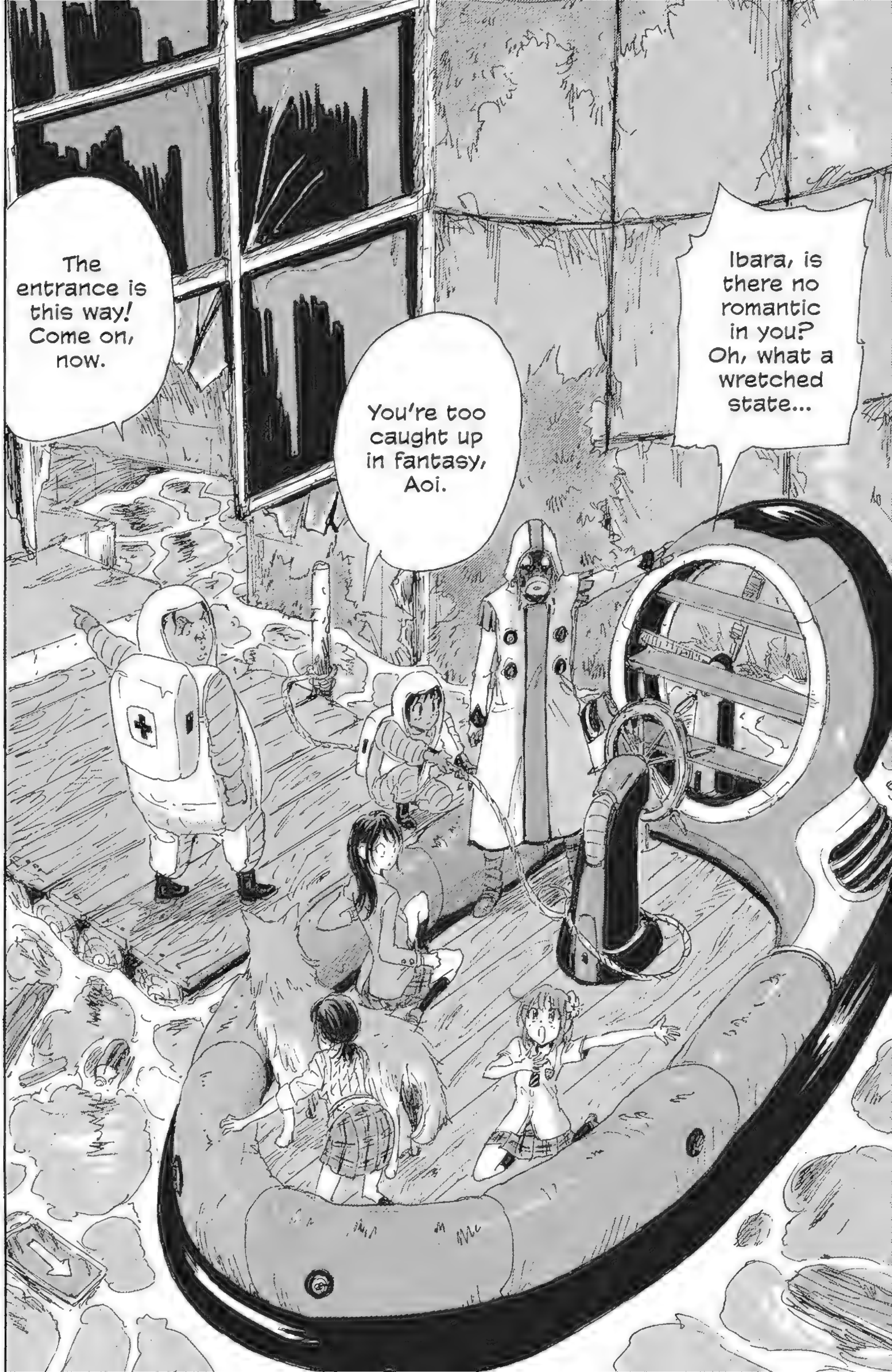
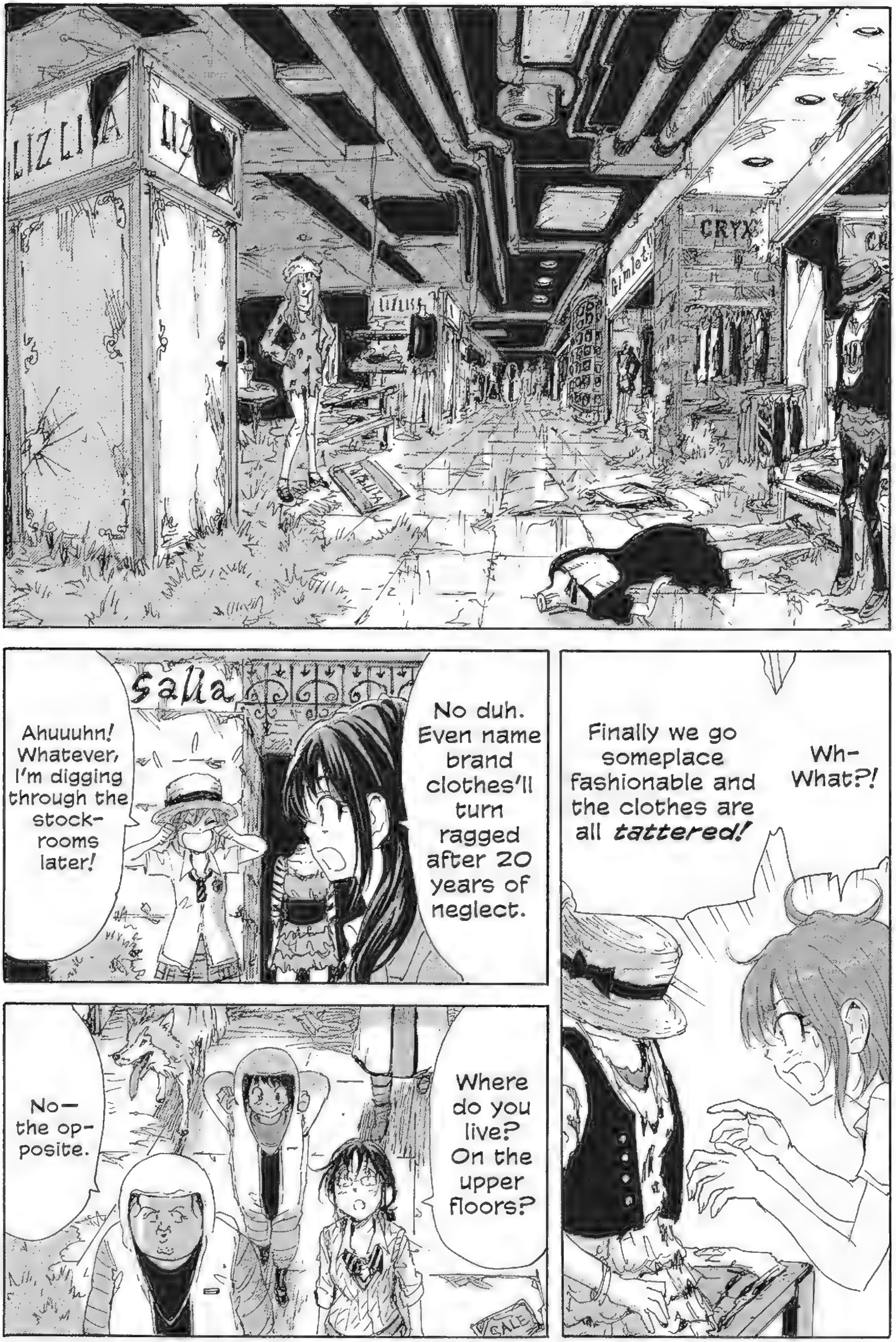
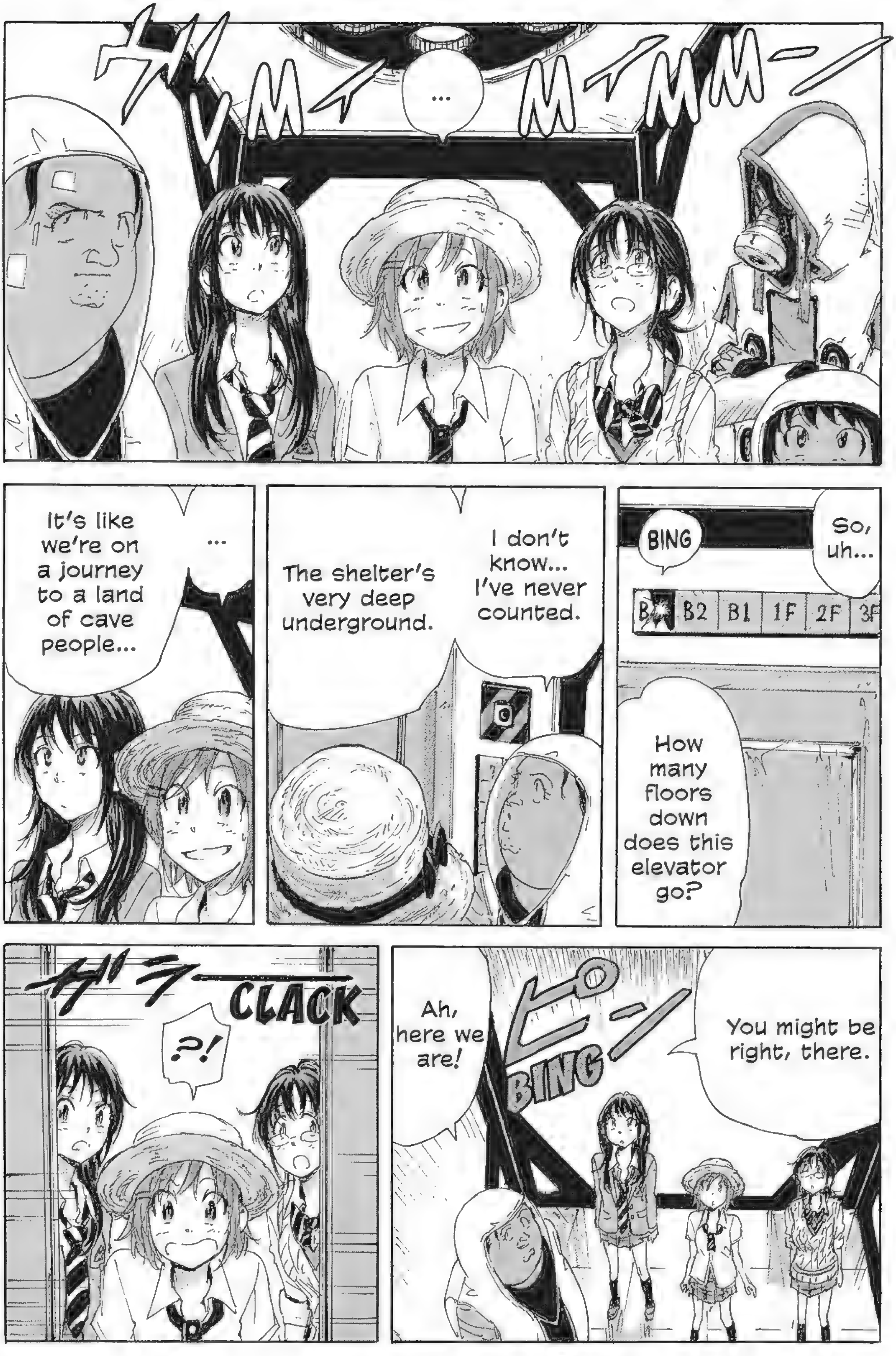
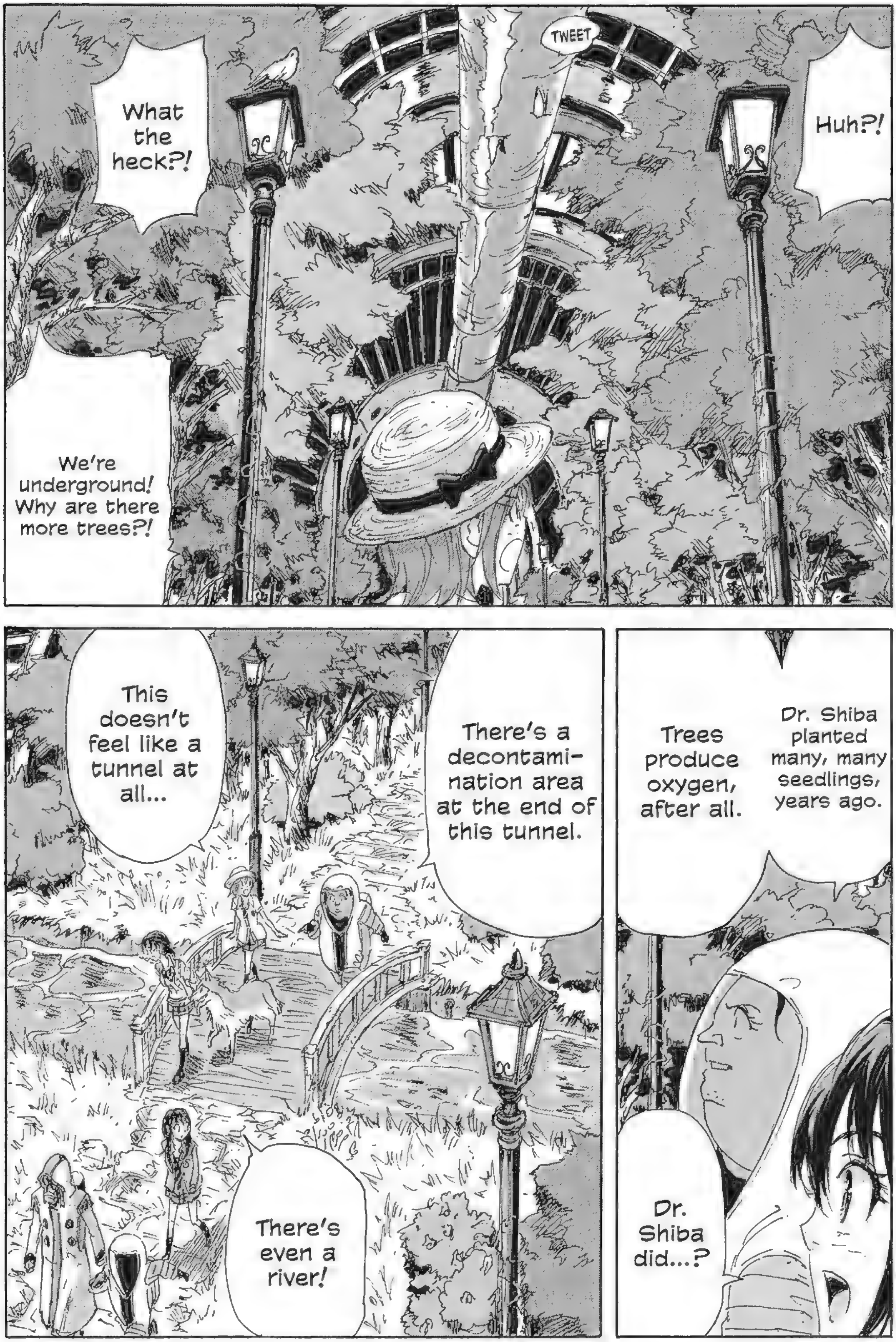

109
Shelter 109.
This is our safe haven.
Ohh...!
Such divine presence towers before us...
Here awaits the mecca of fashionable girls!
Seriously?
It's just some skinny, tall building.

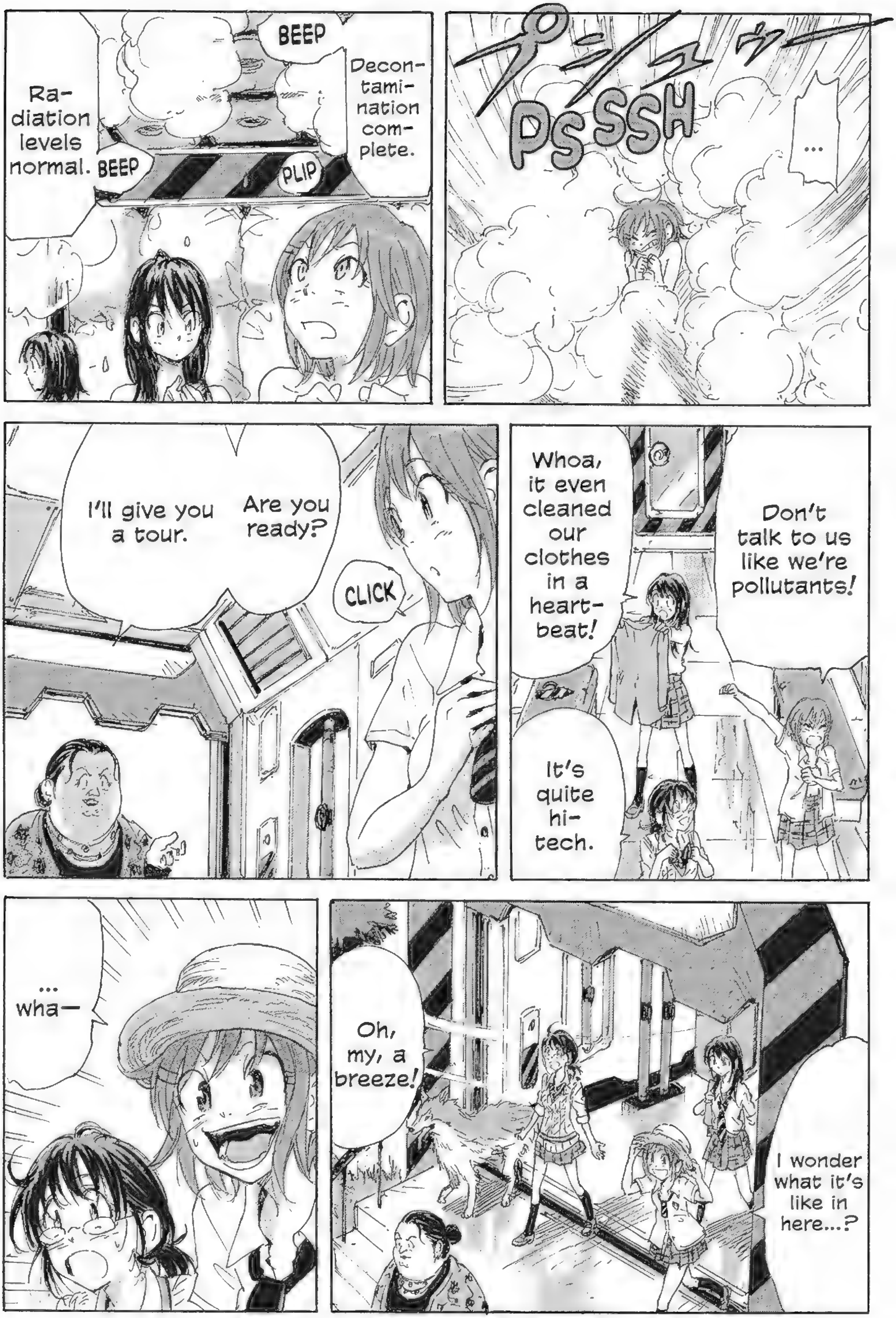
Phase.18 [The Underground Paradise]

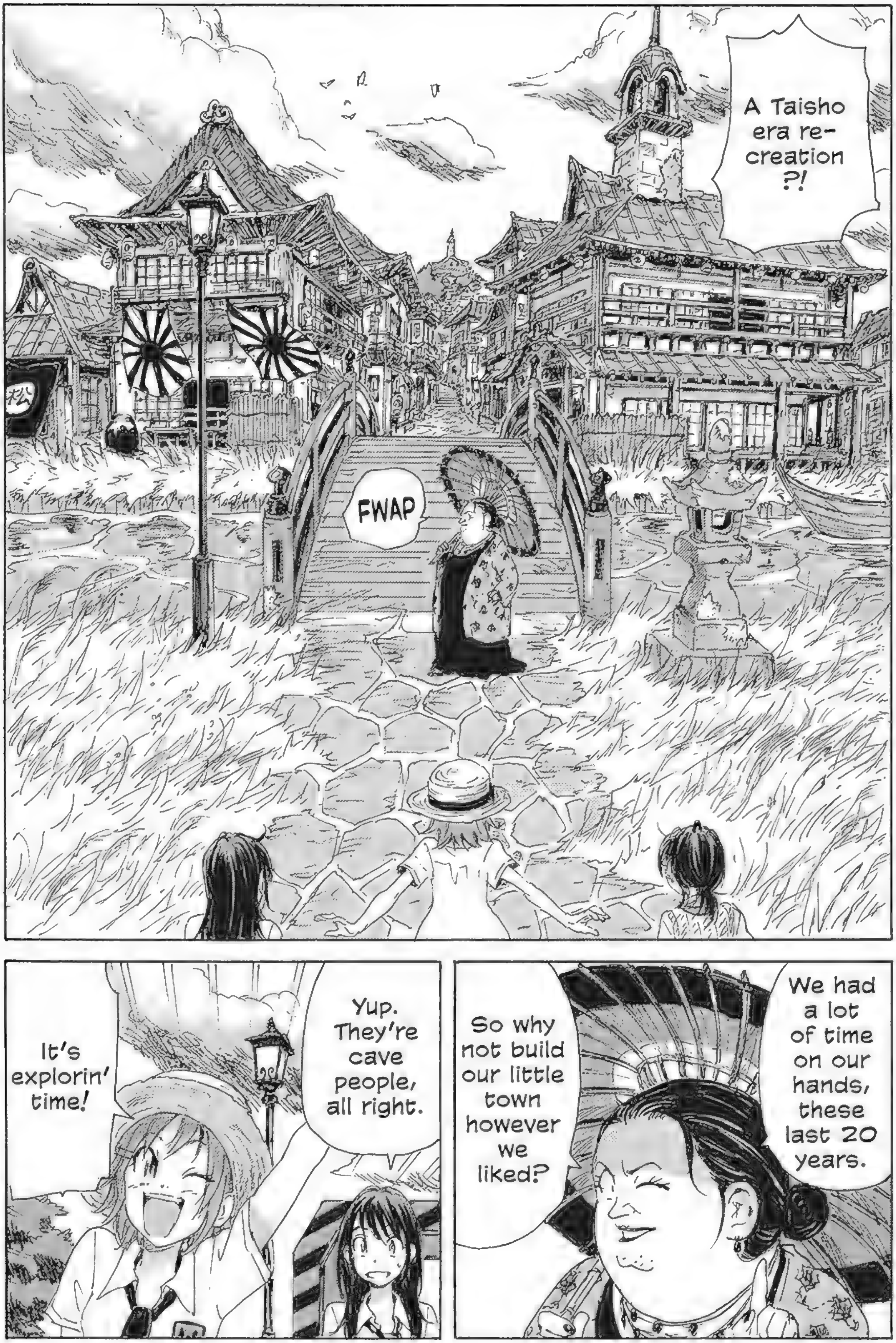

Ibara, is there no romantic in you? Oh, what a wretched state...
You're too caught up in fantasy, Aoi.
The entrance is this way! Come on, now.


LIZ LI A
LIZ
Gimlet
CRYX
CR
Wh- What?!
Finally we go someplace fashionable and the clothes are all *tattered!*
Salla
No duh. Even name brand clothes'll turn ragged after 20 years of neglect.
Ahuuuhn! Whatever, I'm digging through the stock-rooms later!
Where do you live? On the upper floors?
No— the opposite.
SALE

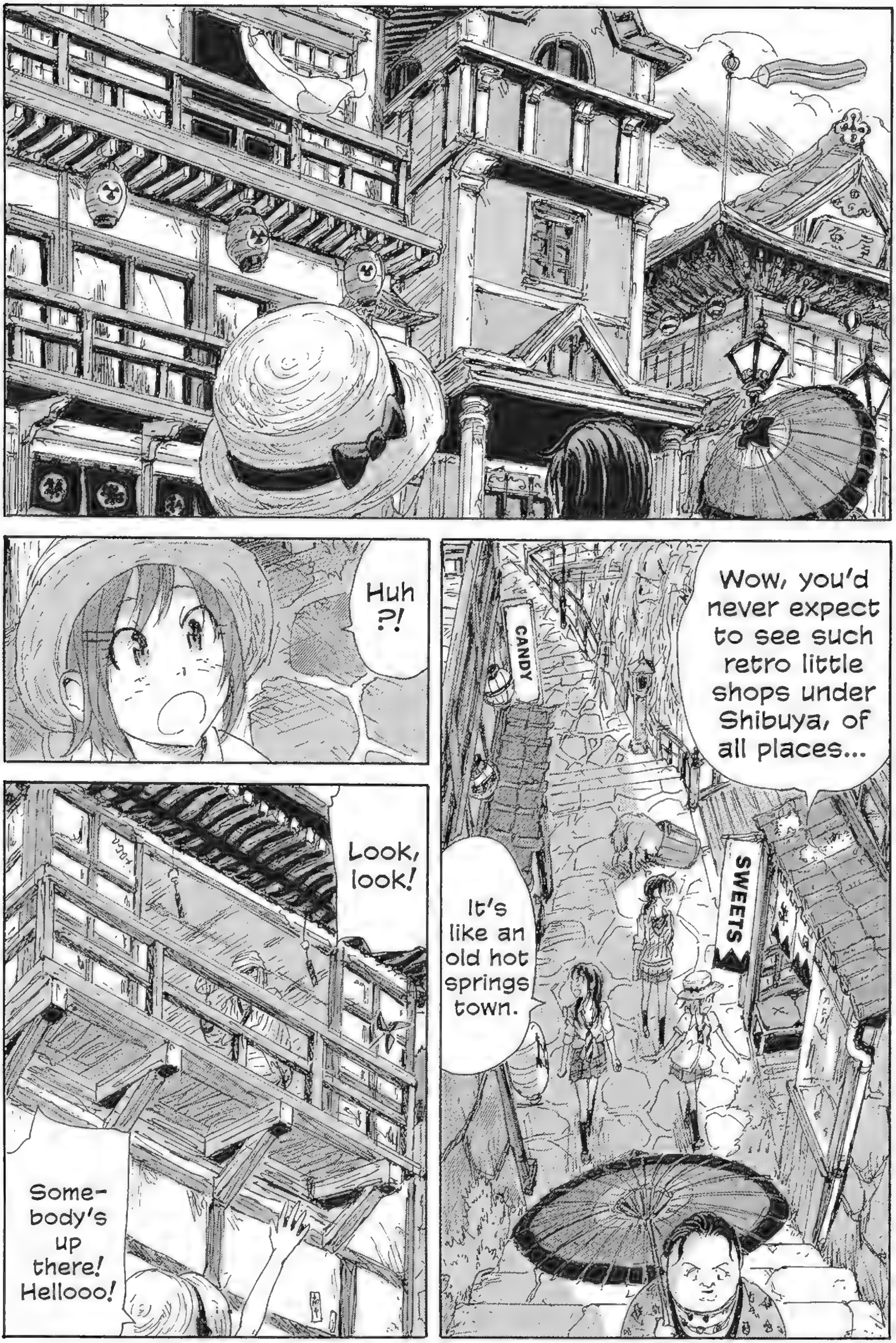

...
So, uh...
BING
B3 B2 B1 1F 2F 3F
How many floors down does this elevator go?
I don't know... I've never counted.
The shelter's very deep underground.
...
It's like we're on a journey to a land of cave people...
You might be right, there.
ピーン
BING
Ah, here we are!
ガラー
CLACK
?!

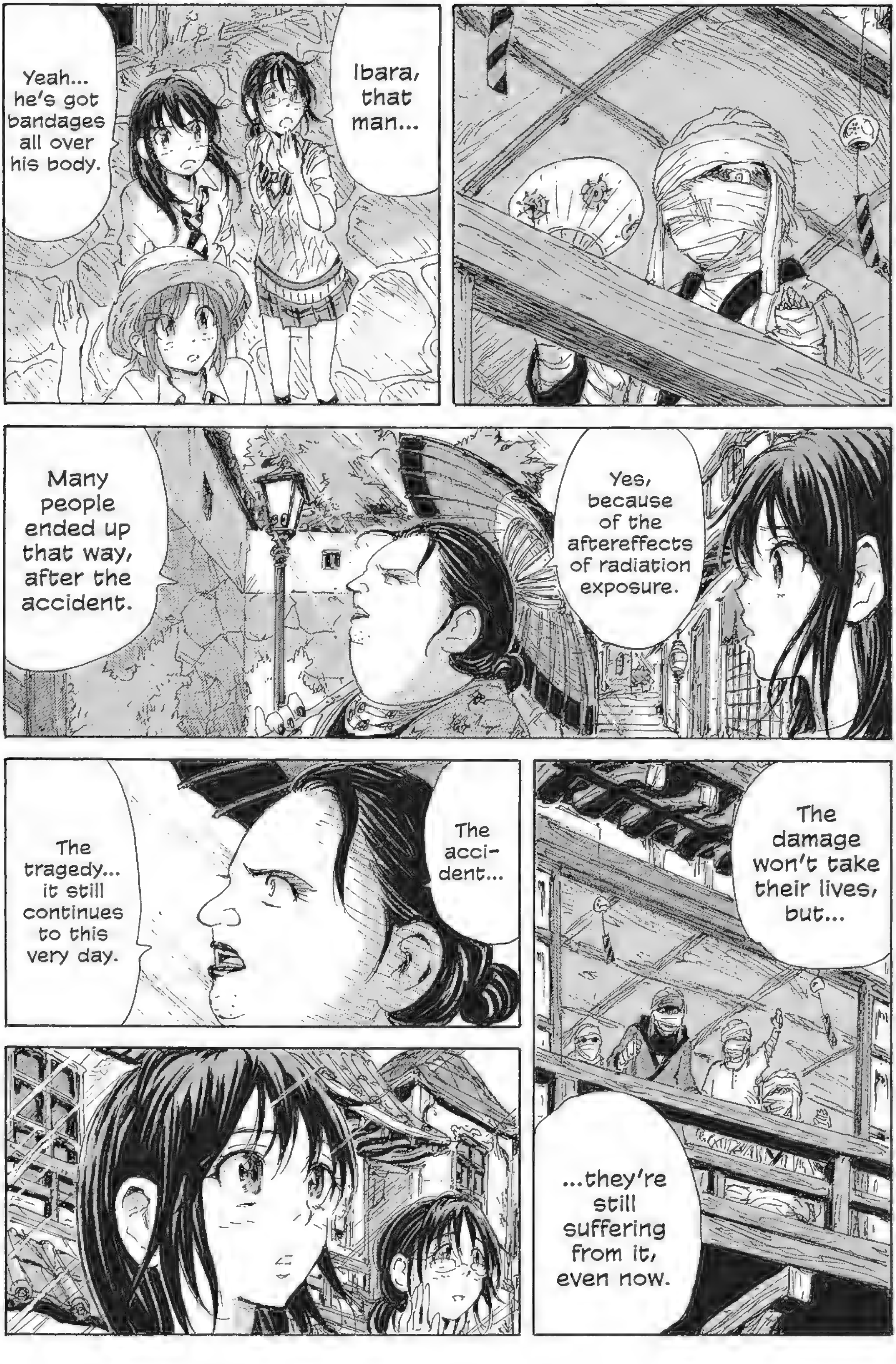

Huh?!
TWEET
What the heck?!
We're underground! Why are there more trees?!
Dr. Shiba planted many, many seedlings, years ago.
Trees produce oxygen, after all.
Dr. Shiba did...?
There's a decontamination area at the end of this tunnel.
This doesn't feel like a tunnel at all...
There's even a river!

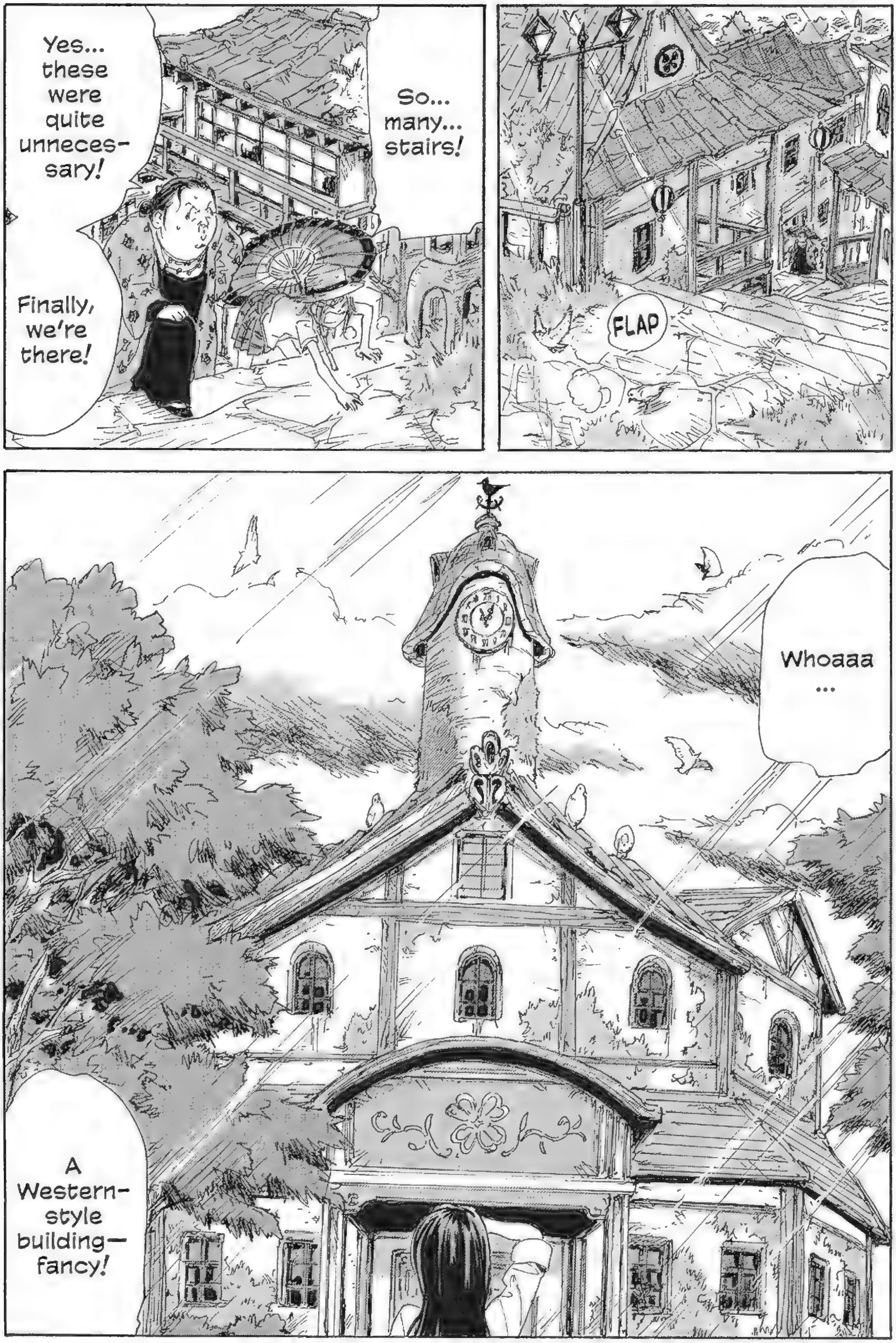

プシュウー
PSSSH
...
Decontamination complete.
BEEP
Radiation levels normal.
BEEP
PLIP
Don't talk to us like we're pollutants!
Whoa, it even cleaned our clothes in a heartbeat!
It's quite hi-tech.
Are you ready?
I'll give you a tour.
CLICK
I wonder what it's like in here...?
Oh, my, a breeze!
... wha—

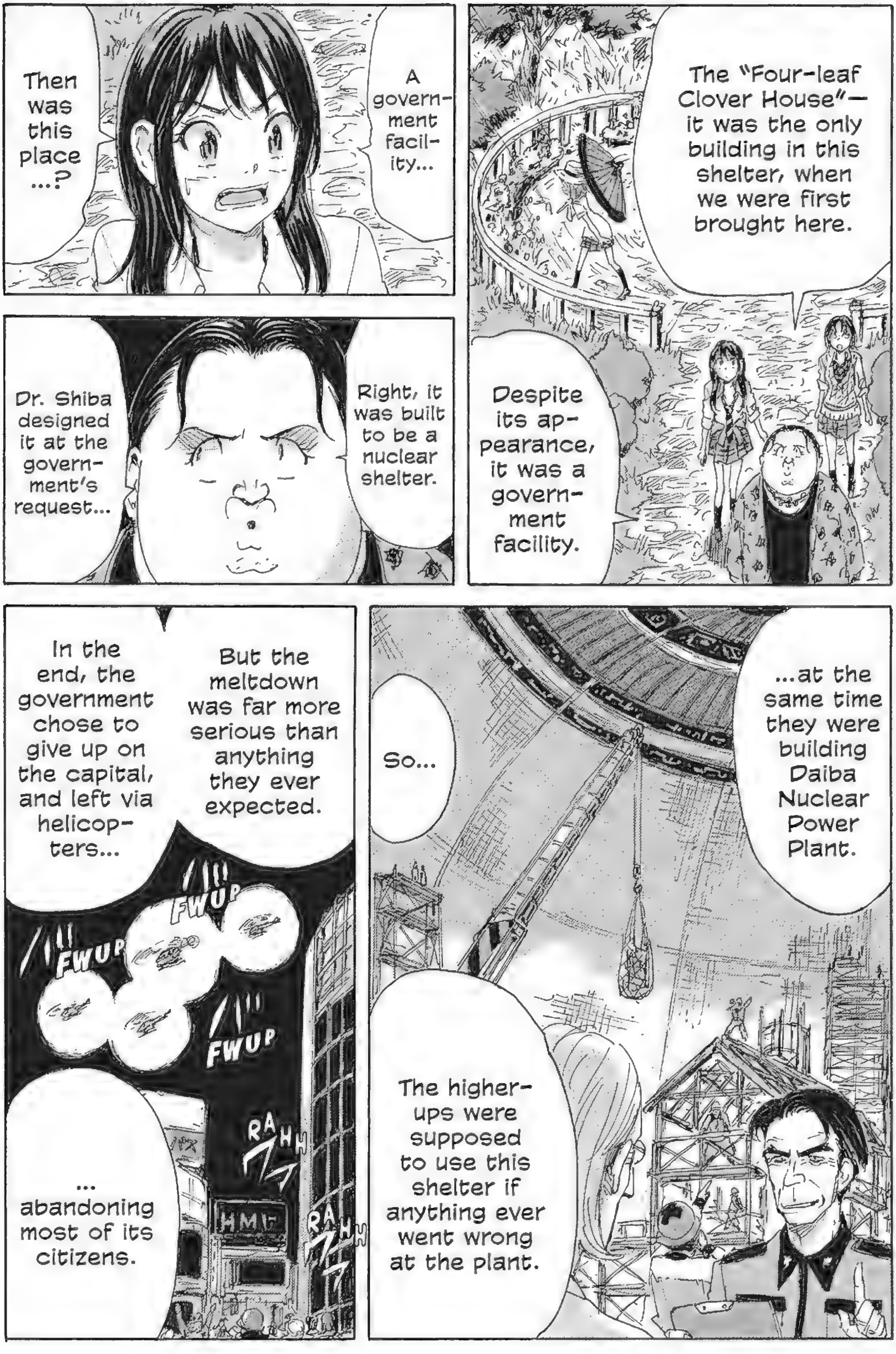

A Taisho era re-creation?!
松
FWAP
We had a lot of time on our hands, these last 20 years.
So why not build our little town however we liked?
Yup. They're cave people, all right.
It's explorin' time!

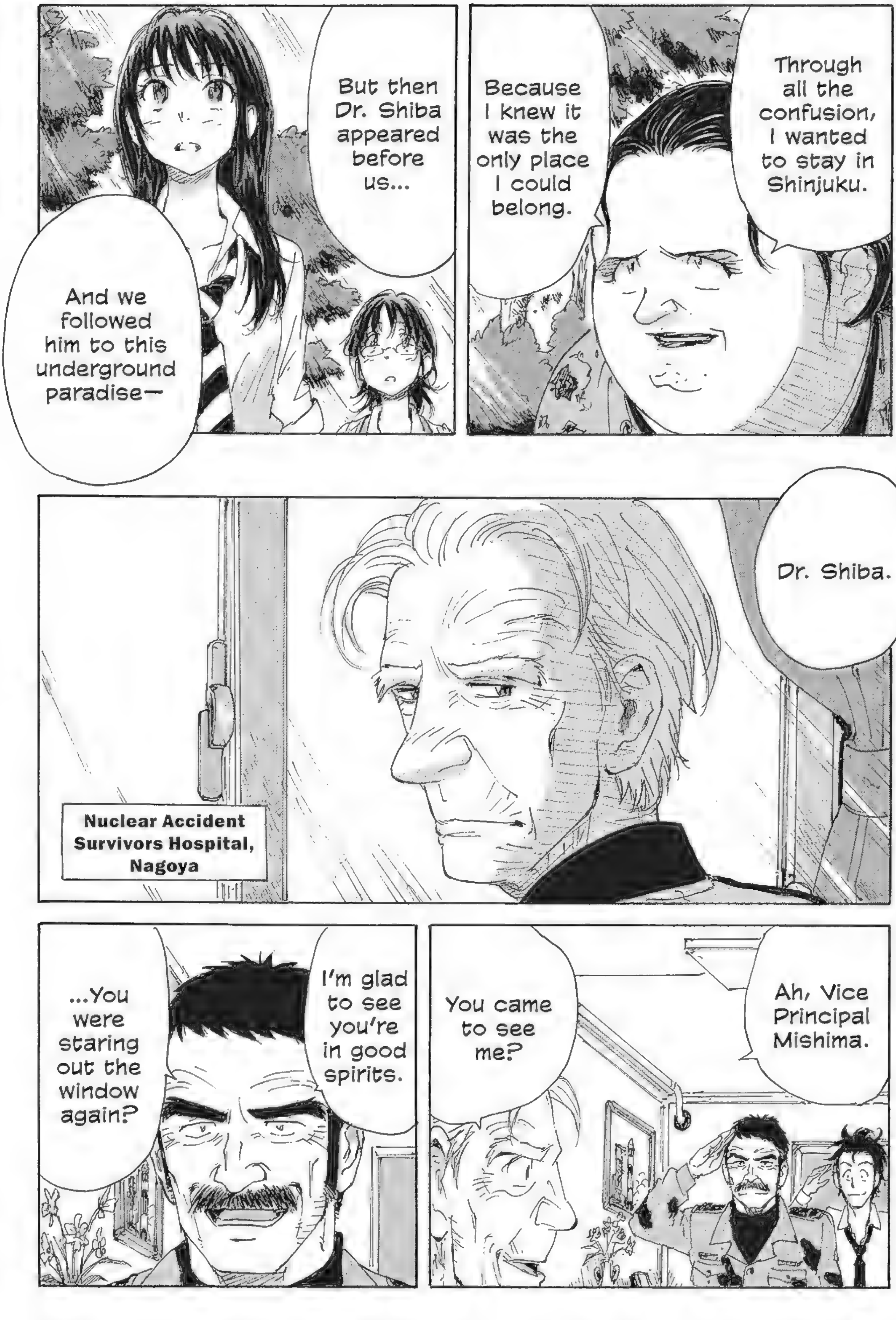
Japan's Taisho era (1912-1926) was characterized by nostalgia for traditional Japanese customs, while at the same time Western influence rose.

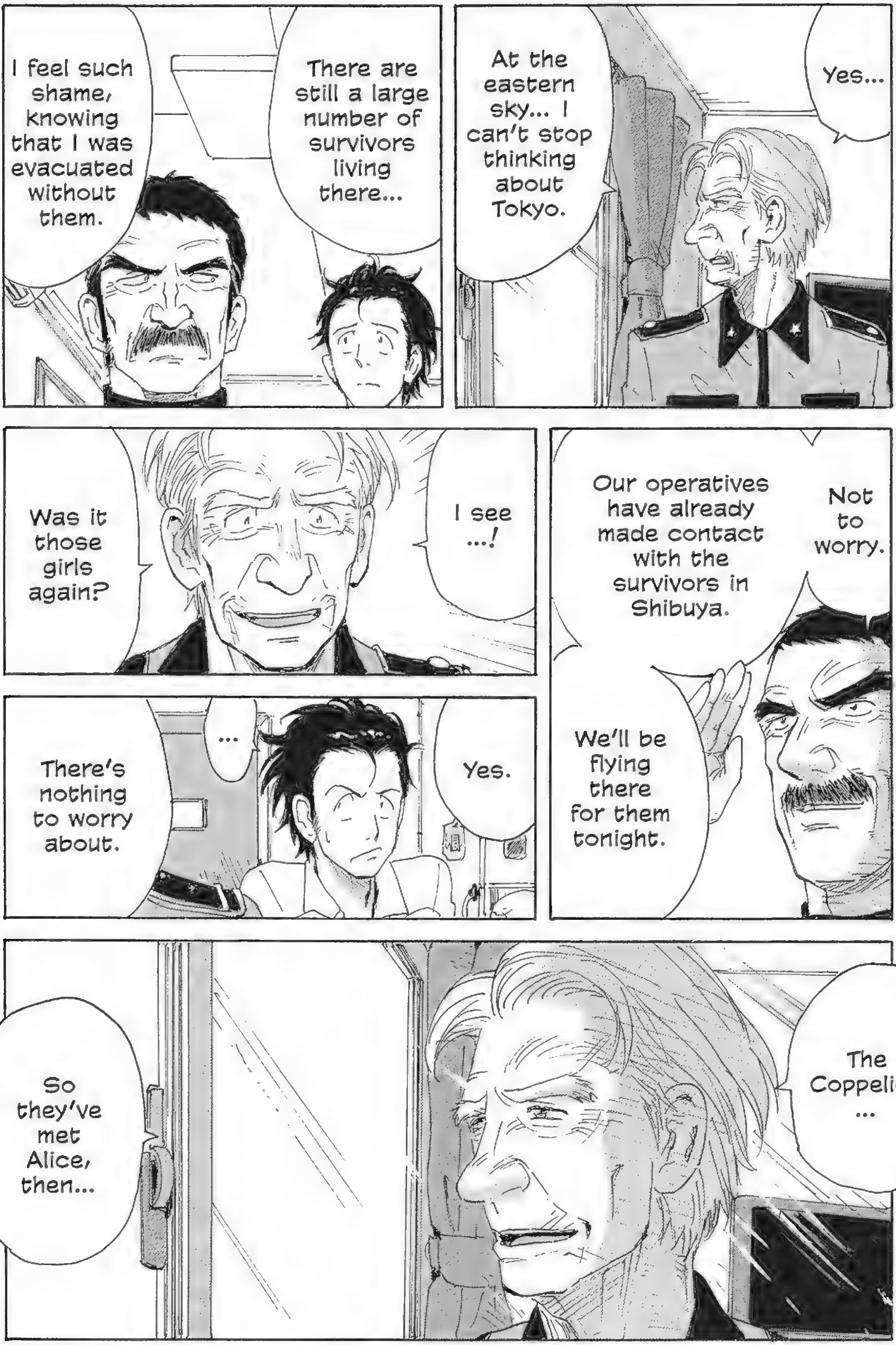

Wow, you'd never expect to see such retro little shops under Shibuya, of all places...
CANDY
It's like an old hot springs town.
SWEETS
Huh?!
Look, look!
Somebody's up there! Hellooo!

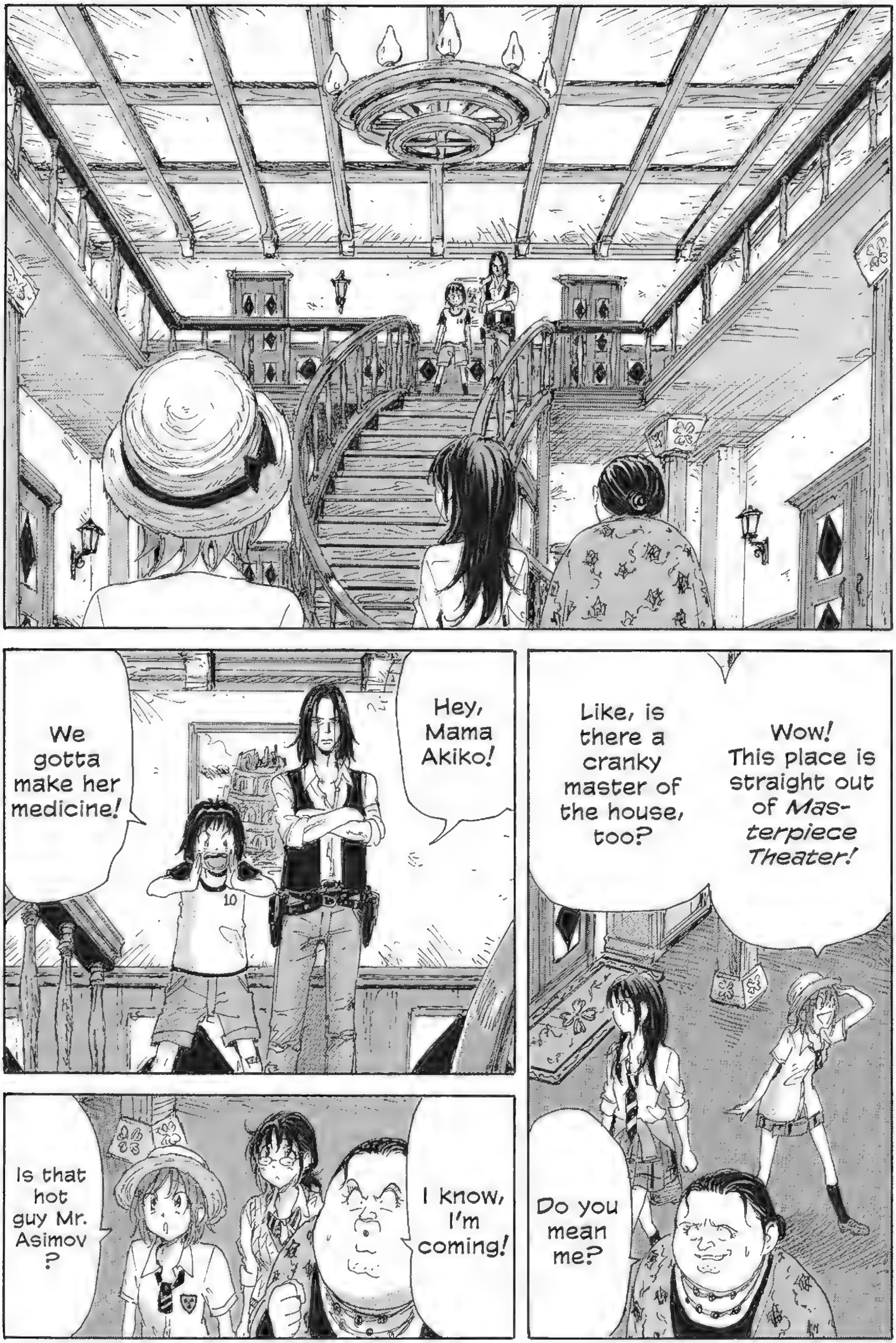

Ibara, that man...
Yeah... he's got bandages all over his body.
Yes, because of the aftereffects of radiation exposure.
Many people ended up that way, after the accident.
The damage won't take their lives, but...
...they're still suffering from it, even now.
The accident...
The tragedy... it still continues to this very day.

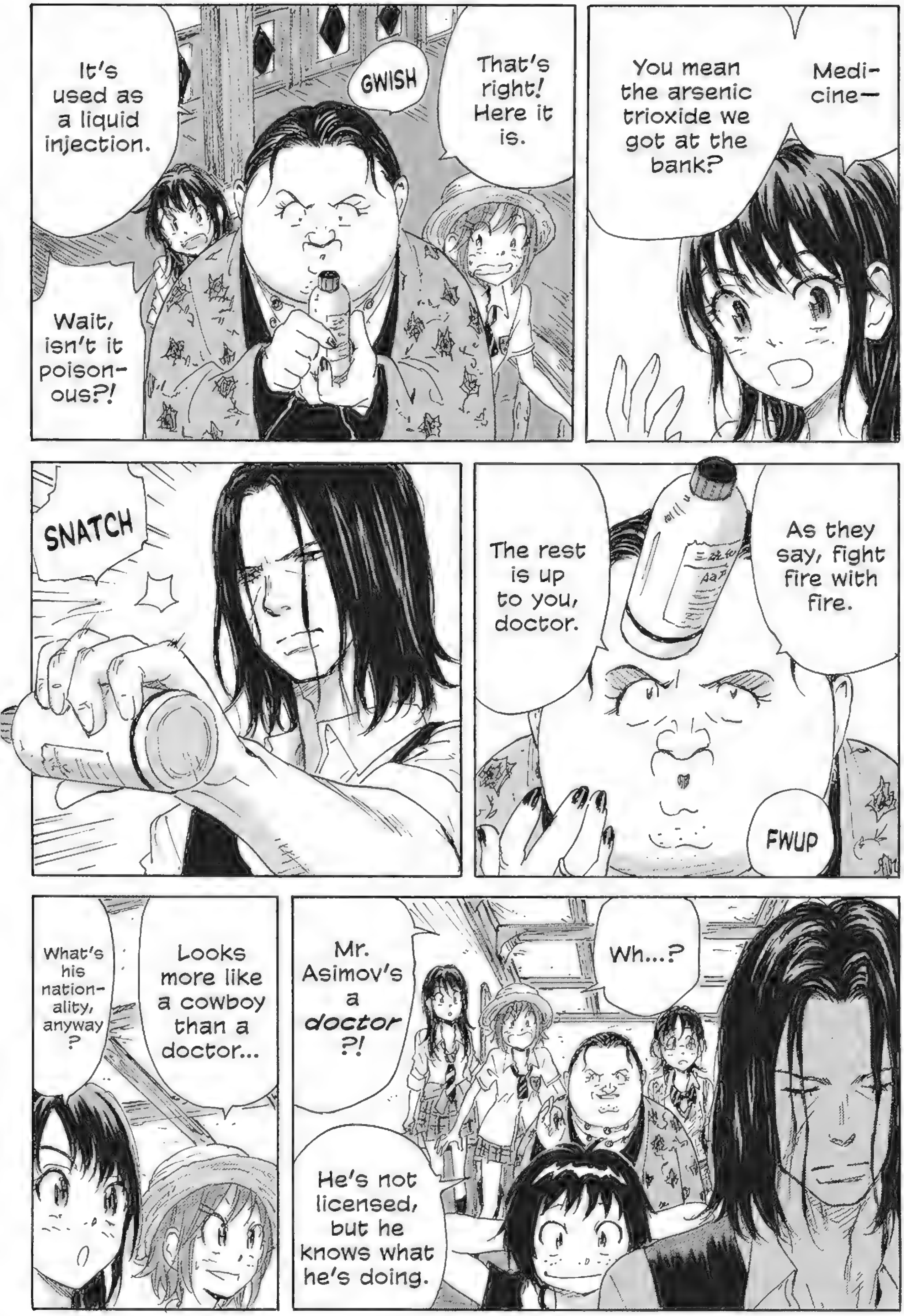

FLAP
So... many... stairs!
Yes... these were quite unnecessary!
Finally, we're there!
Whoaaa...
A Western-style building—fancy!

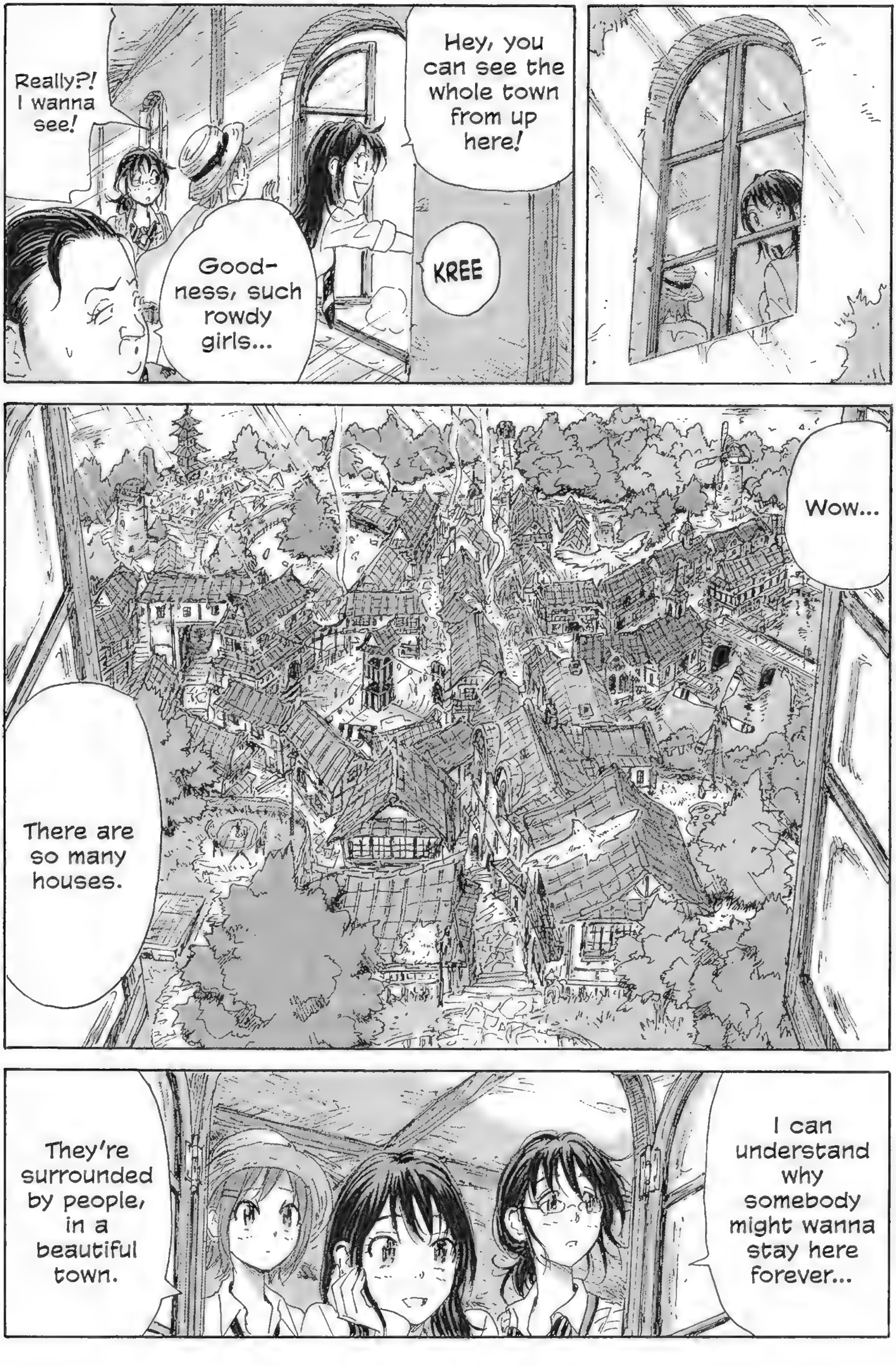

The "Four-leaf Clover House"—it was the only building in this shelter, when we were first brought here.
Despite its appearance, it was a government facility.
A government facility...
Then was this place ...?
Right, it was built to be a nuclear shelter.
Dr. Shiba designed it at the government's request...
...at the same time they were building Daiba Nuclear Power Plant.
So...
The higher-ups were supposed to use this shelter if anything ever went wrong at the plant.
But the meltdown was far more serious than anything they ever expected.
In the end, the government chose to give up on the capital, and left via helicopters...
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
HMV
RAHHH
RAHHH
... abandoning most of its citizens.

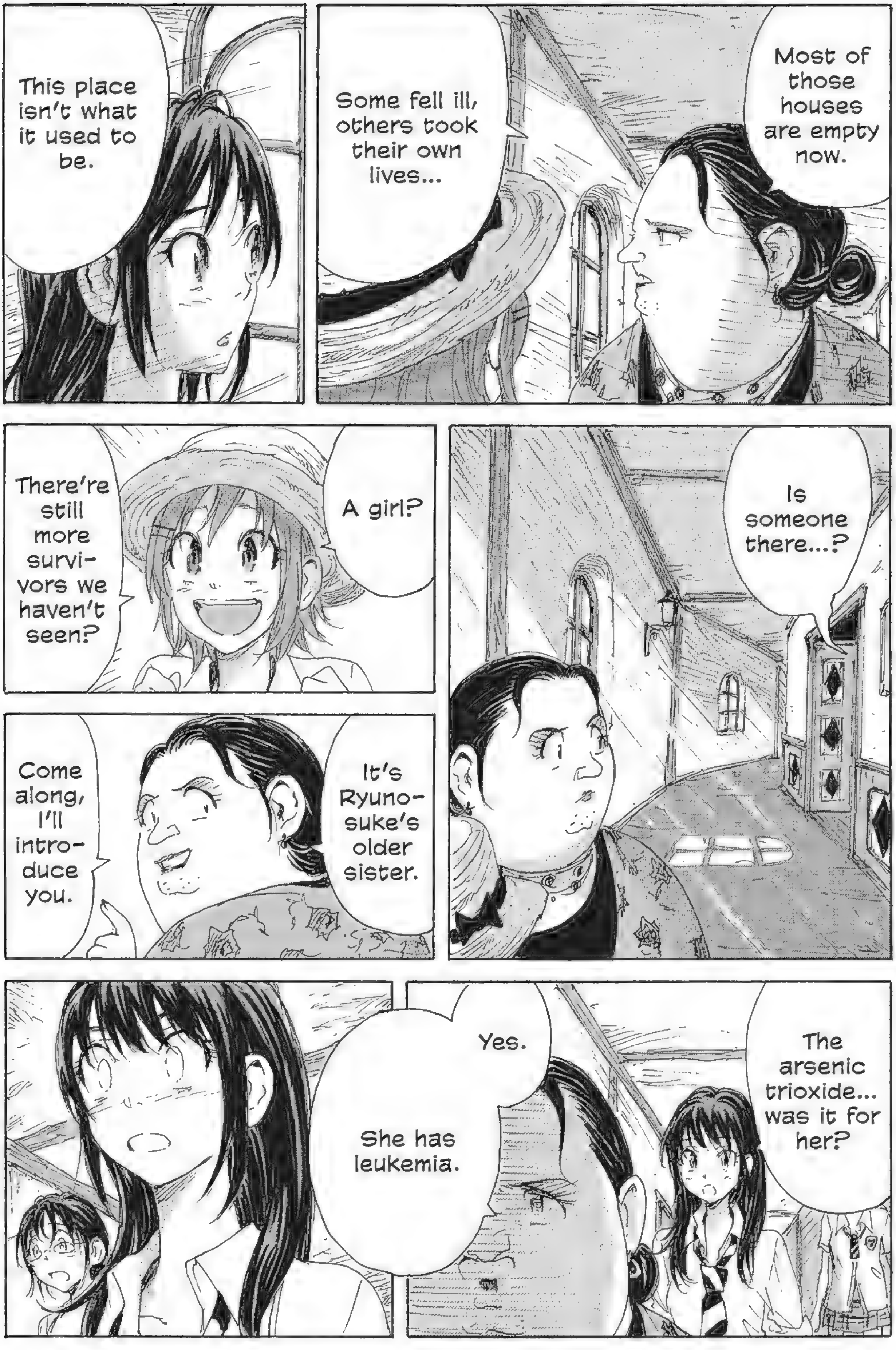

Through all the confusion, I wanted to stay in Shinjuku.
Because I knew it was the only place I could belong.
But then Dr. Shiba appeared before us...
And we followed him to this underground paradise—
Dr. Shiba.
Nuclear Accident Survivors Hospital, Nagoya
Ah, Vice Principal Mishima.
You came to see me?
I'm glad to see you're in good spirits.
...You were staring out the window again?

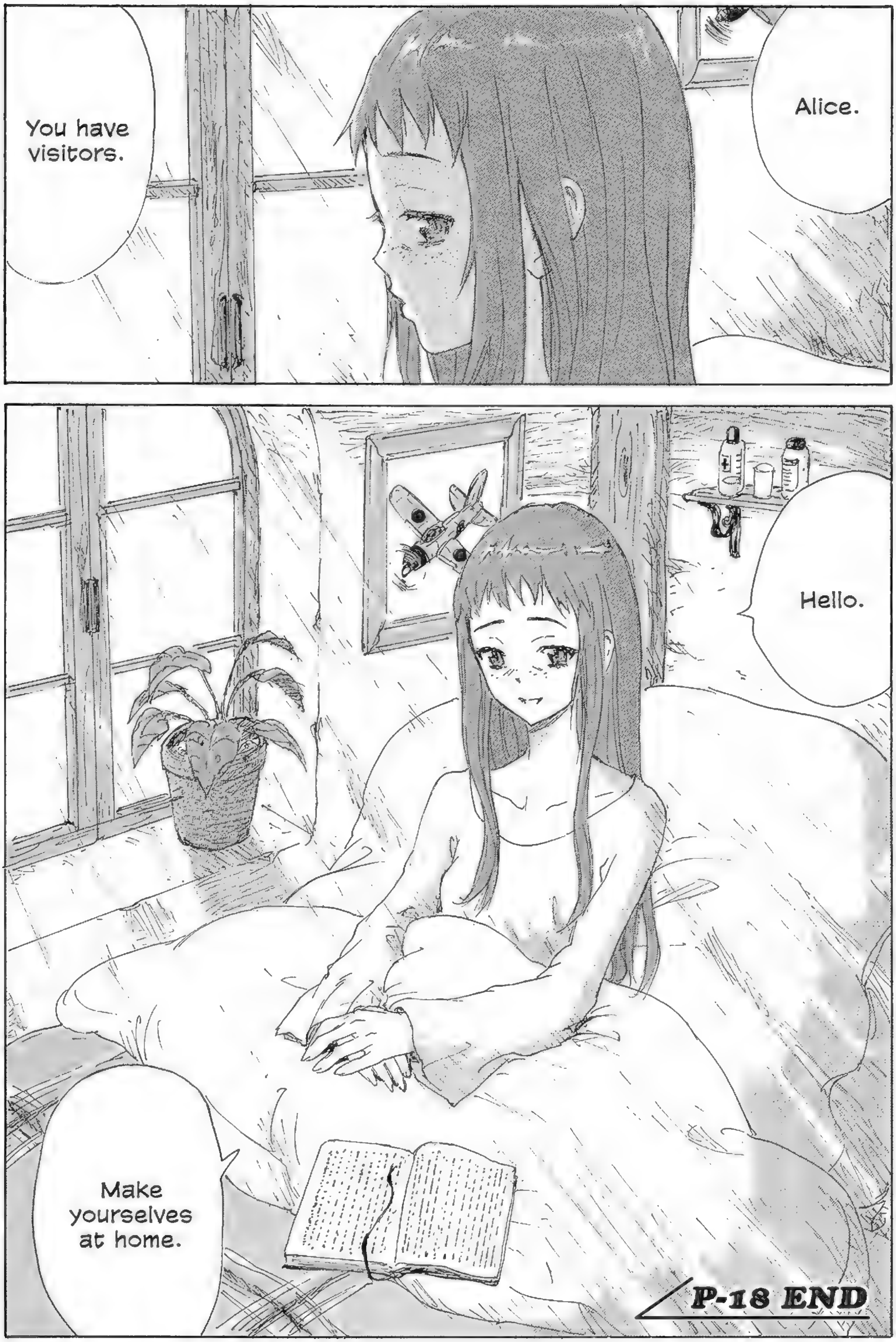

Yes...
At the eastern sky... I can't stop thinking about Tokyo.
There are still a large number of survivors living there...
I feel such shame, knowing that I was evacuated without them.
Not to worry.
Our operatives have already made contact with the survivors in Shibuya.
We'll be flying there for them tonight.
I see ...!
Was it those girls again?
Yes.
...
There's nothing to worry about.
The Coppelion ...
So they've met Alice, then...


Wow! This place is straight out of *Masterpiece Theater!*
Like, is there a cranky master of the house, too?
Do you mean me?
Hey, Mama Akiko!
We gotta make her medicine!
I know, I'm coming!
Is that hot guy Mr. Asimov?


Medi-cine—
You mean the arsenic trioxide we got at the bank?
That's right! Here it is.
GWISH
It's used as a liquid injection.
Wait, isn't it poisonous?!
As they say, fight fire with fire.
The rest is up to you, doctor.
FWUP
SNATCH
Wh...?
Mr. Asimov's a *doctor*?!
He's not licensed, but he knows what he's doing.
Looks more like a cowboy than a doctor...
What's his nationality, anyway?


Hey, you can see the whole town from up here!
KREE
Really?! I wanna see!
Goodness, such rowdy girls...
Wow...
There are so many houses.
I can understand why somebody might wanna stay here forever...
They're surrounded by people, in a beautiful town.


Most of those houses are empty now.
Some fell ill, others took their own lives...
This place isn't what it used to be.
Is someone there...?
A girl?
There're still more survivors we haven't seen?
It's Ryunosuke's older sister.
Come along, I'll introduce you.
The arsenic trioxide... was it for her?
Yes.
She has leukemia.


Alice.
You have visitors.
Hello.
Make yourselves at home.
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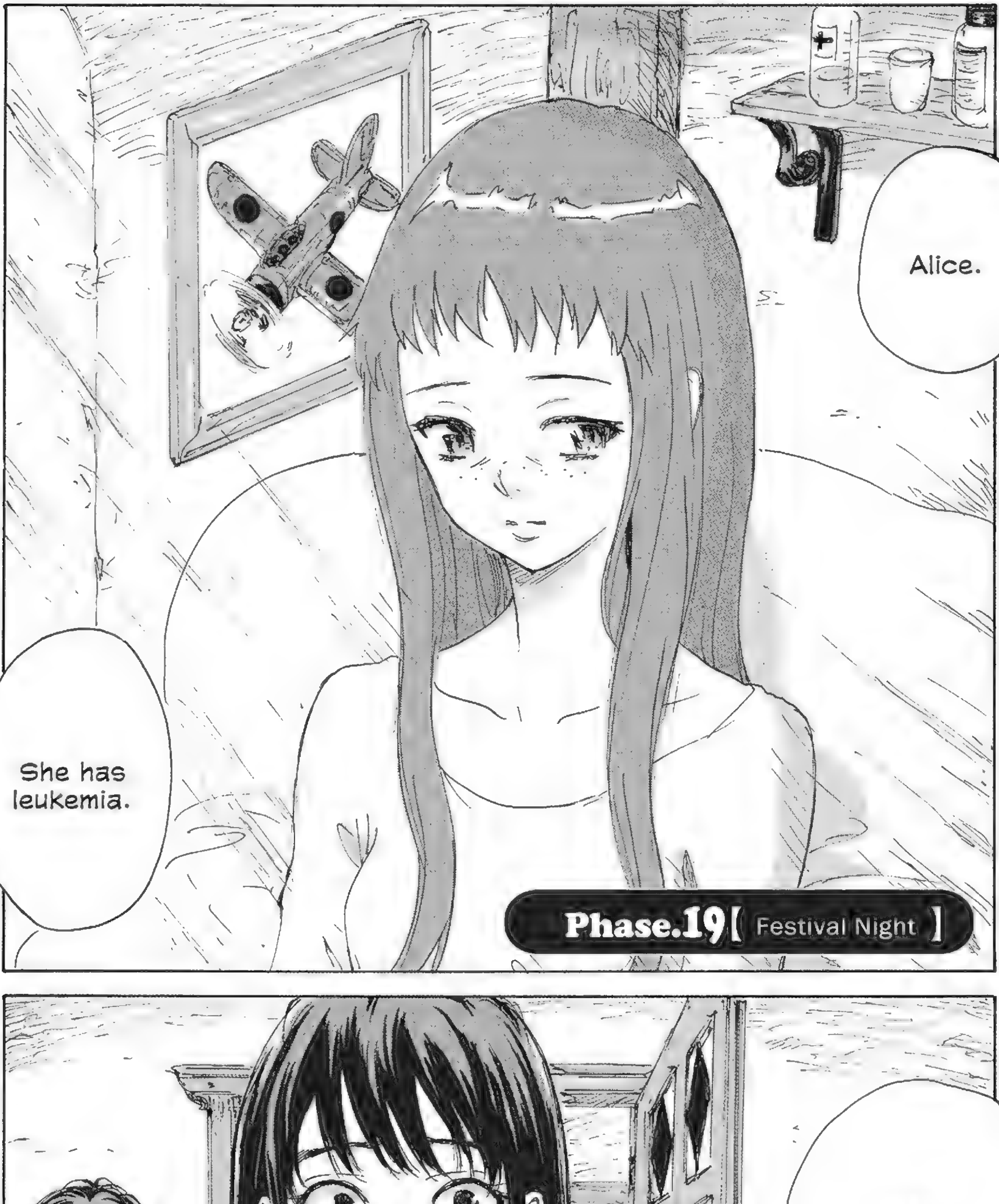
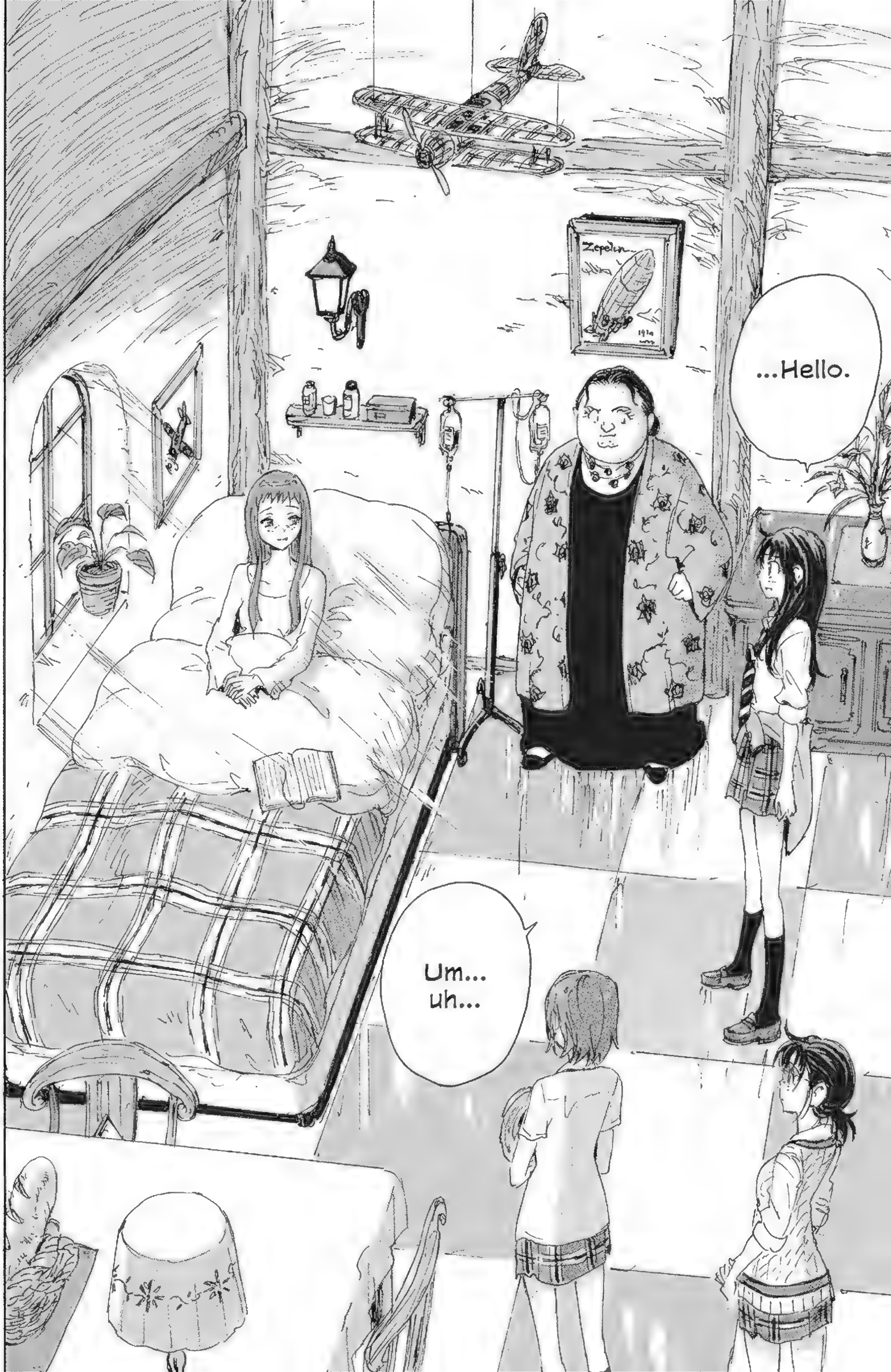
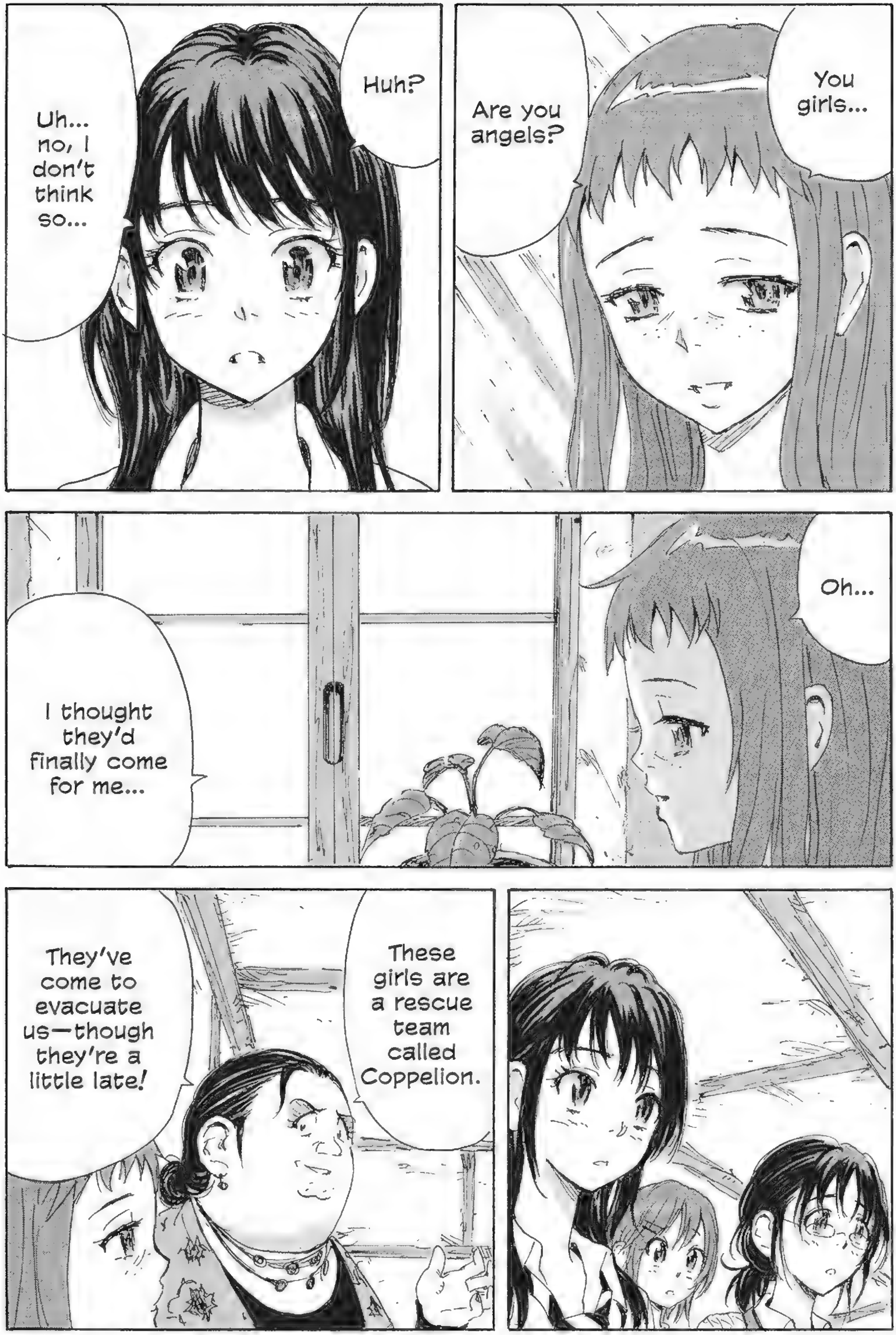
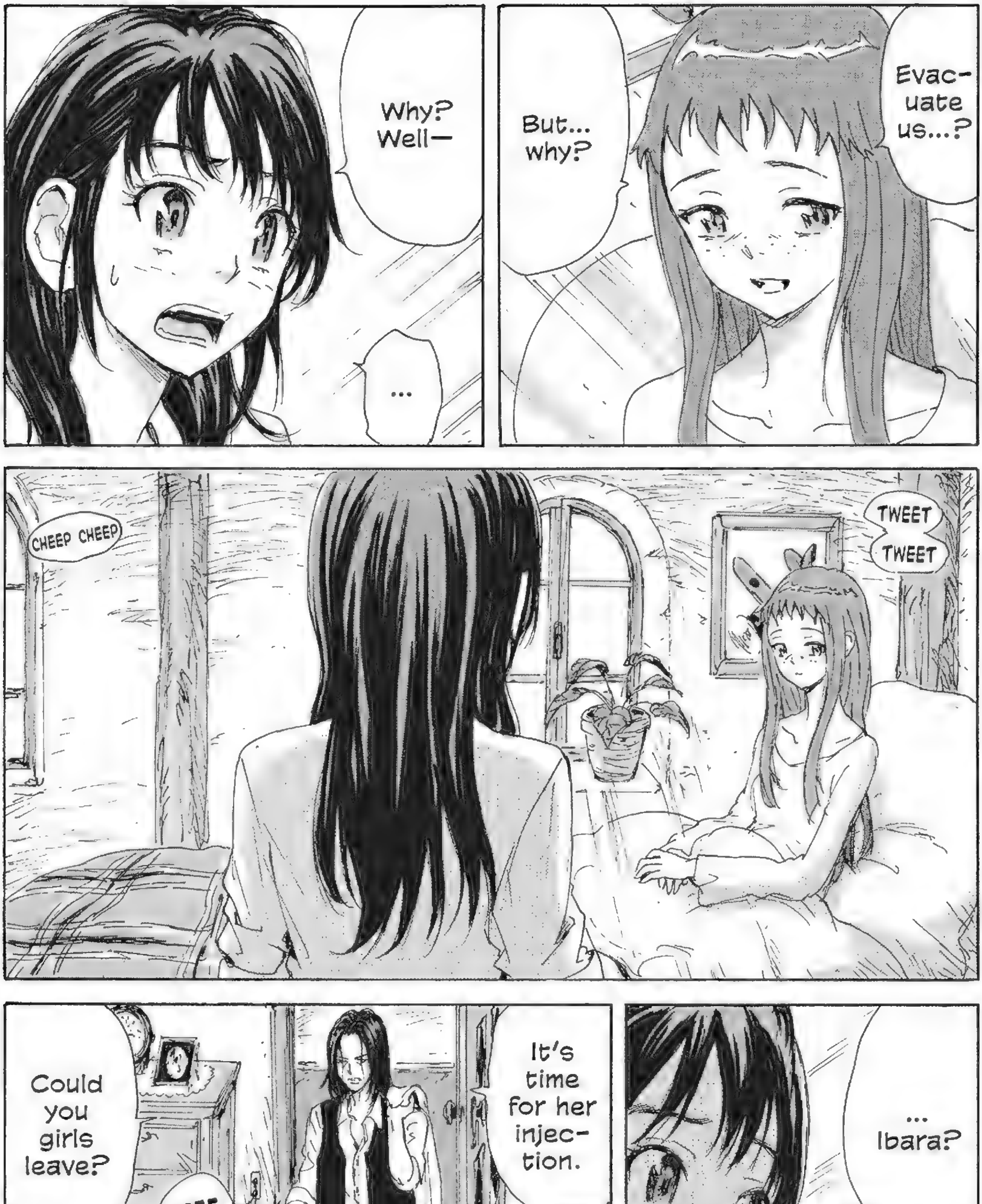


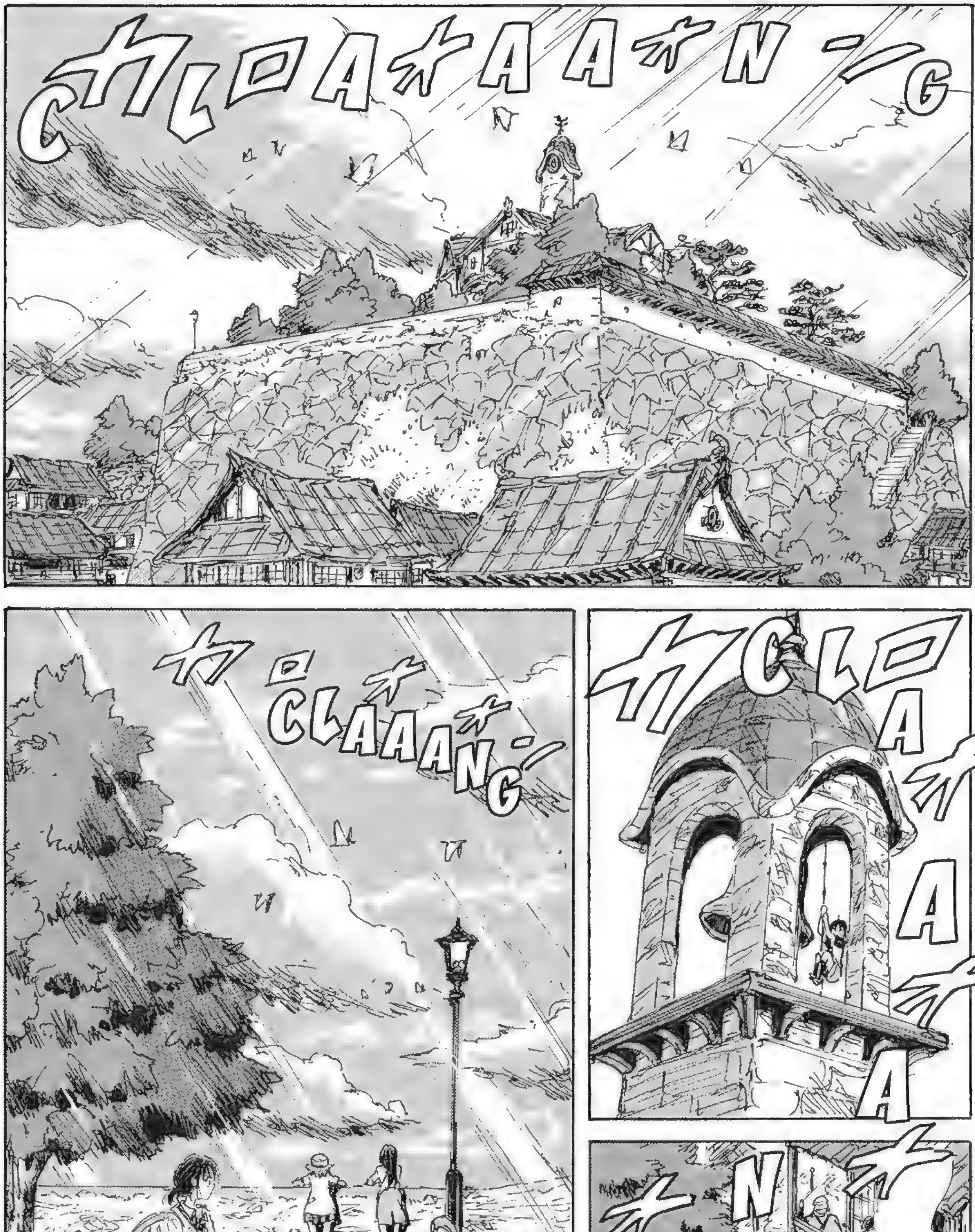
Phase.19 [Festival Night]

Alice.
She has leukemia.
Get along, now.


Zepelin
...Hello.
Um... uh...


You girls...
Are you angels?
Huh?
Uh... no, I don't think so...
Oh...
I thought they'd finally come for me...
These girls are a rescue team called Coppelion.
They've come to evacuate us—though they're a little late!


Evacuate us...?
But... why?
Why? Well—
...
TWEET TWEET
CHEEP CHEEP
... Ibara?
It's time for her injection.
KREE
Could you girls leave?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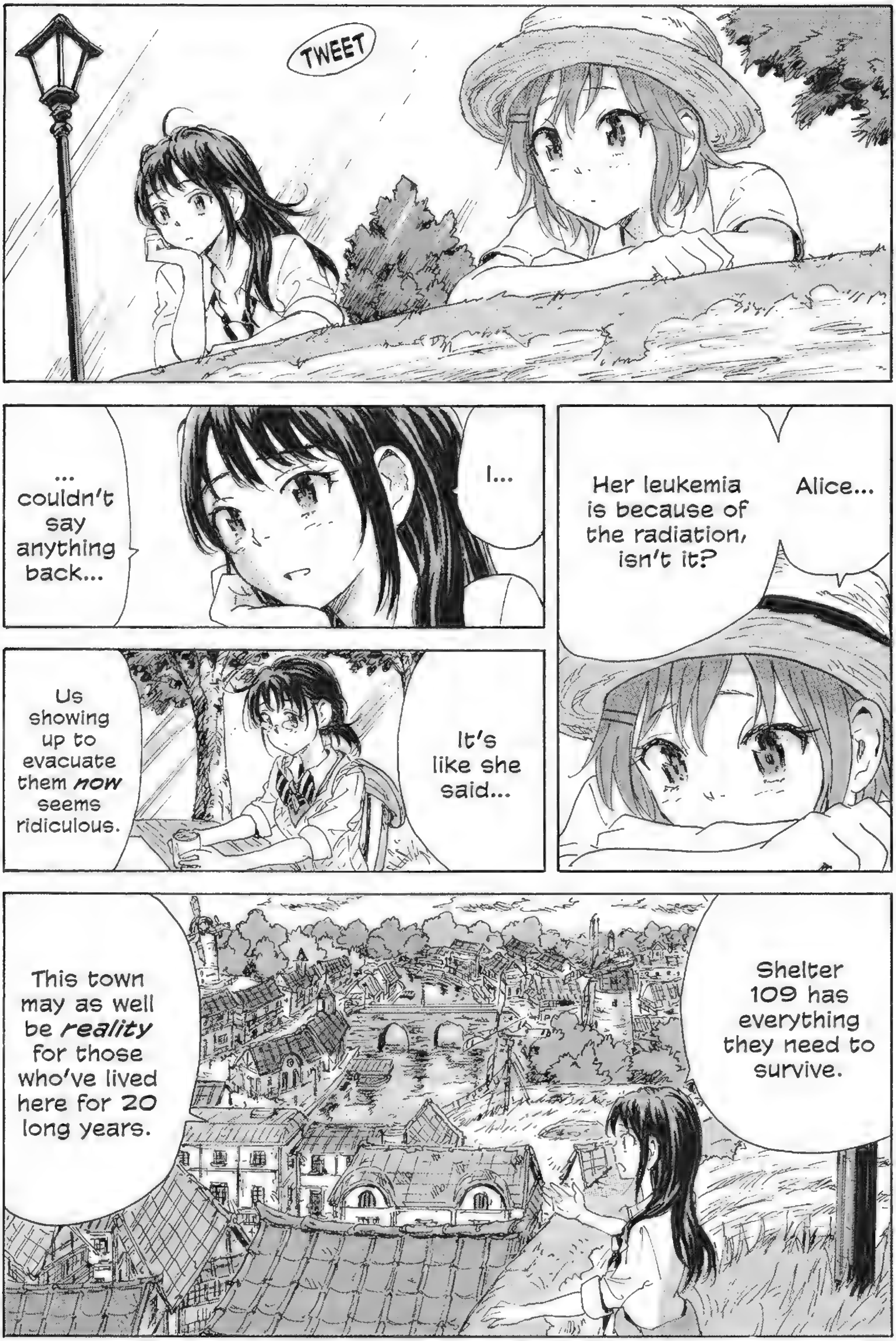
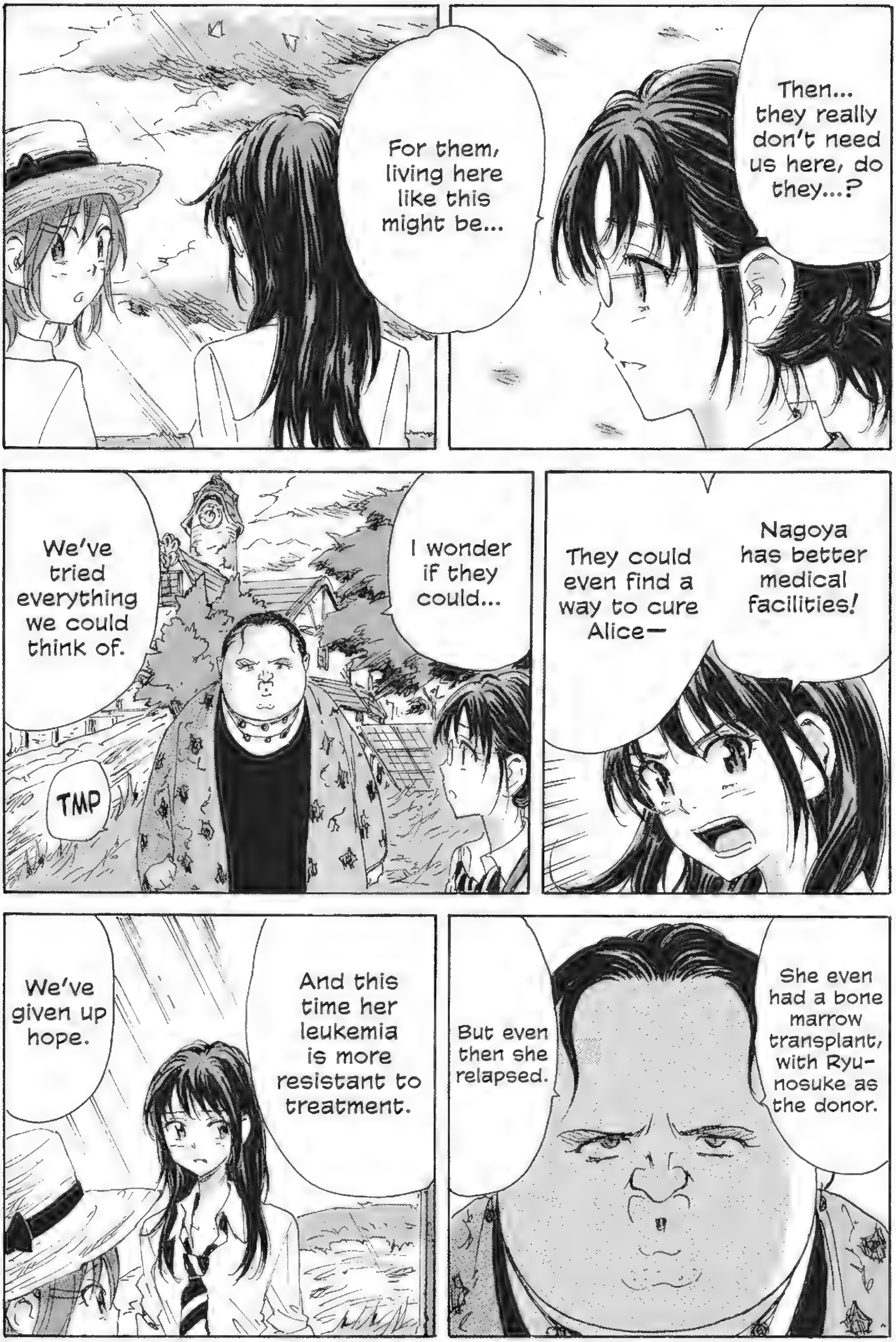
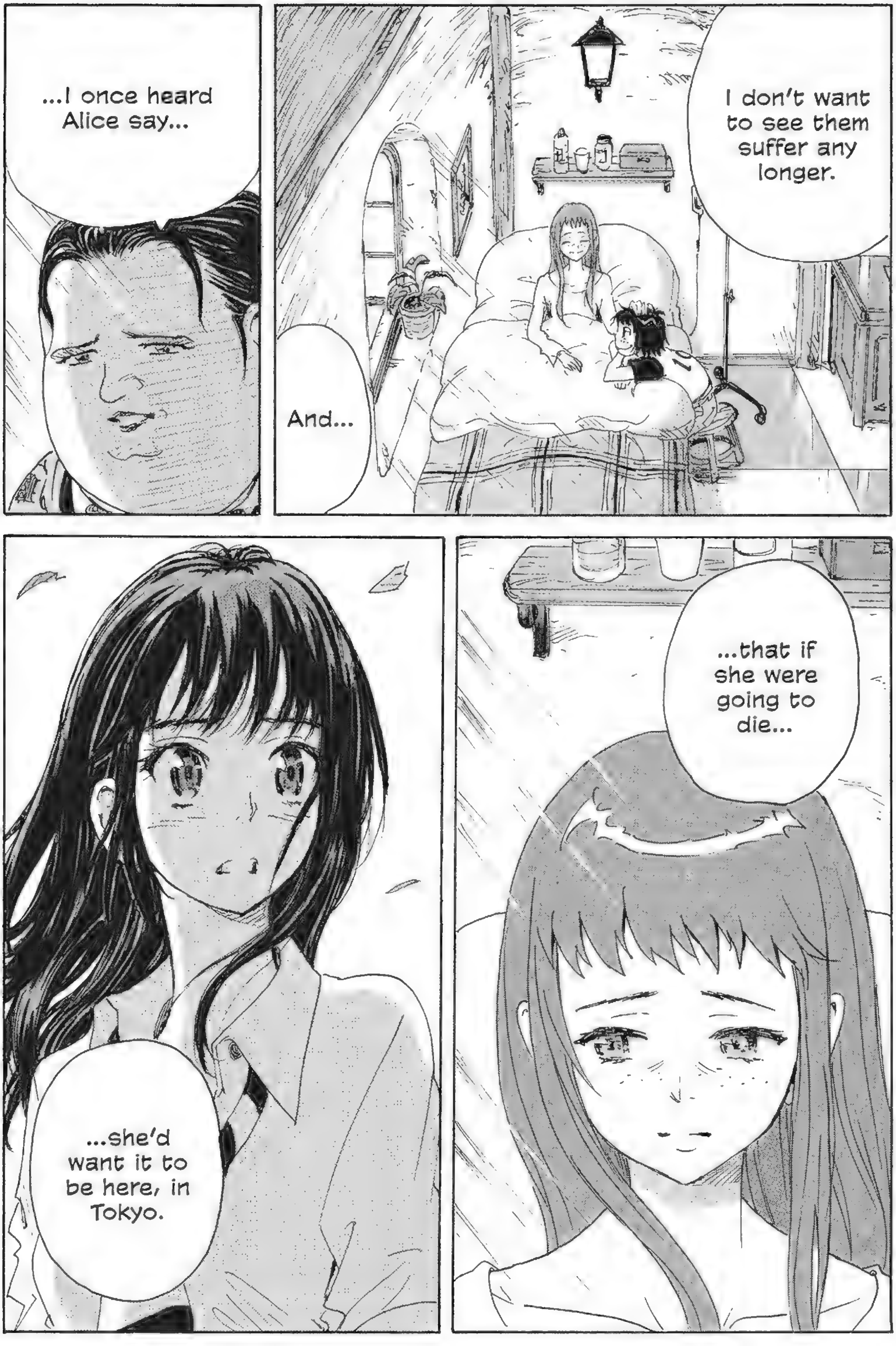
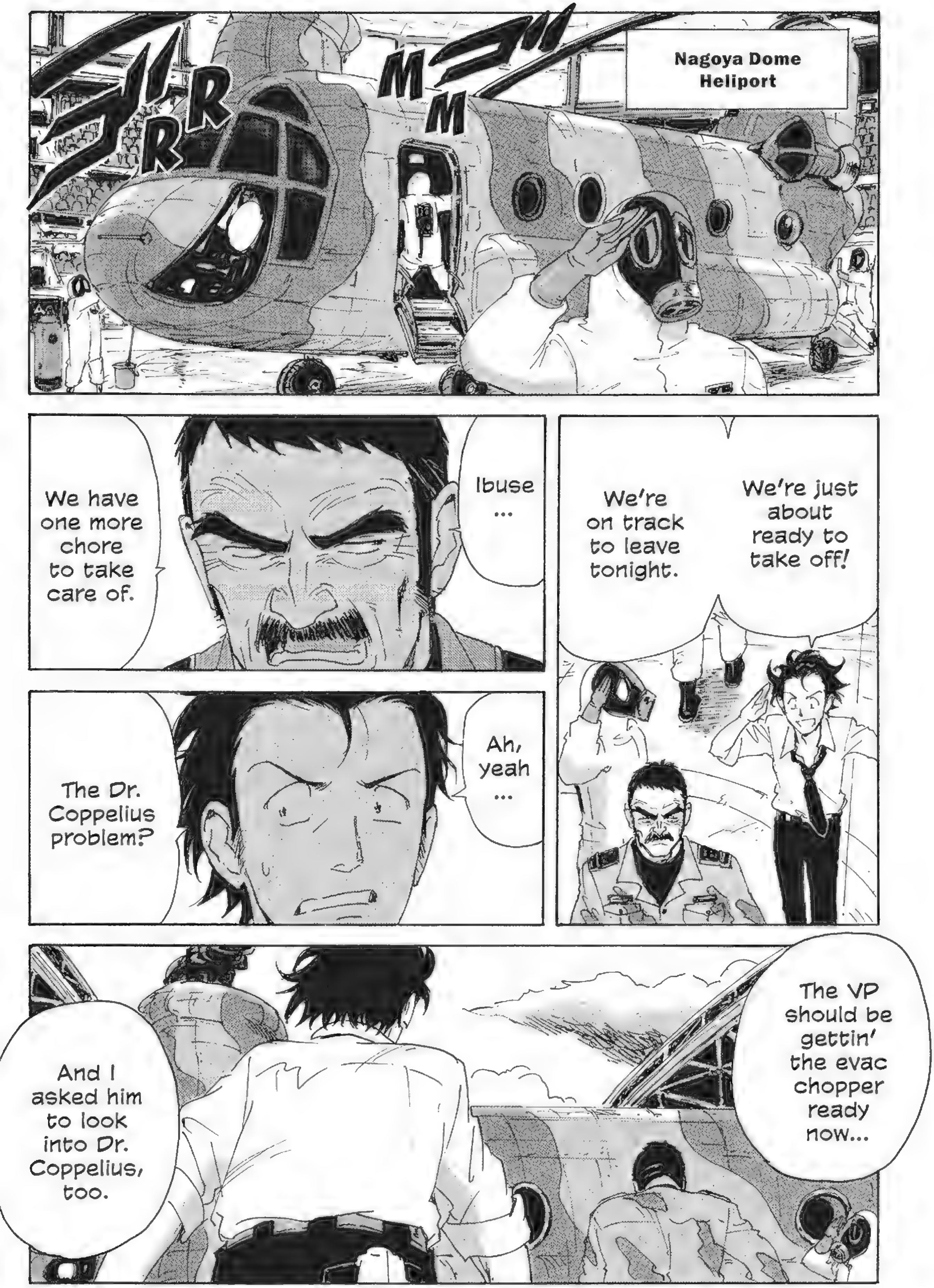
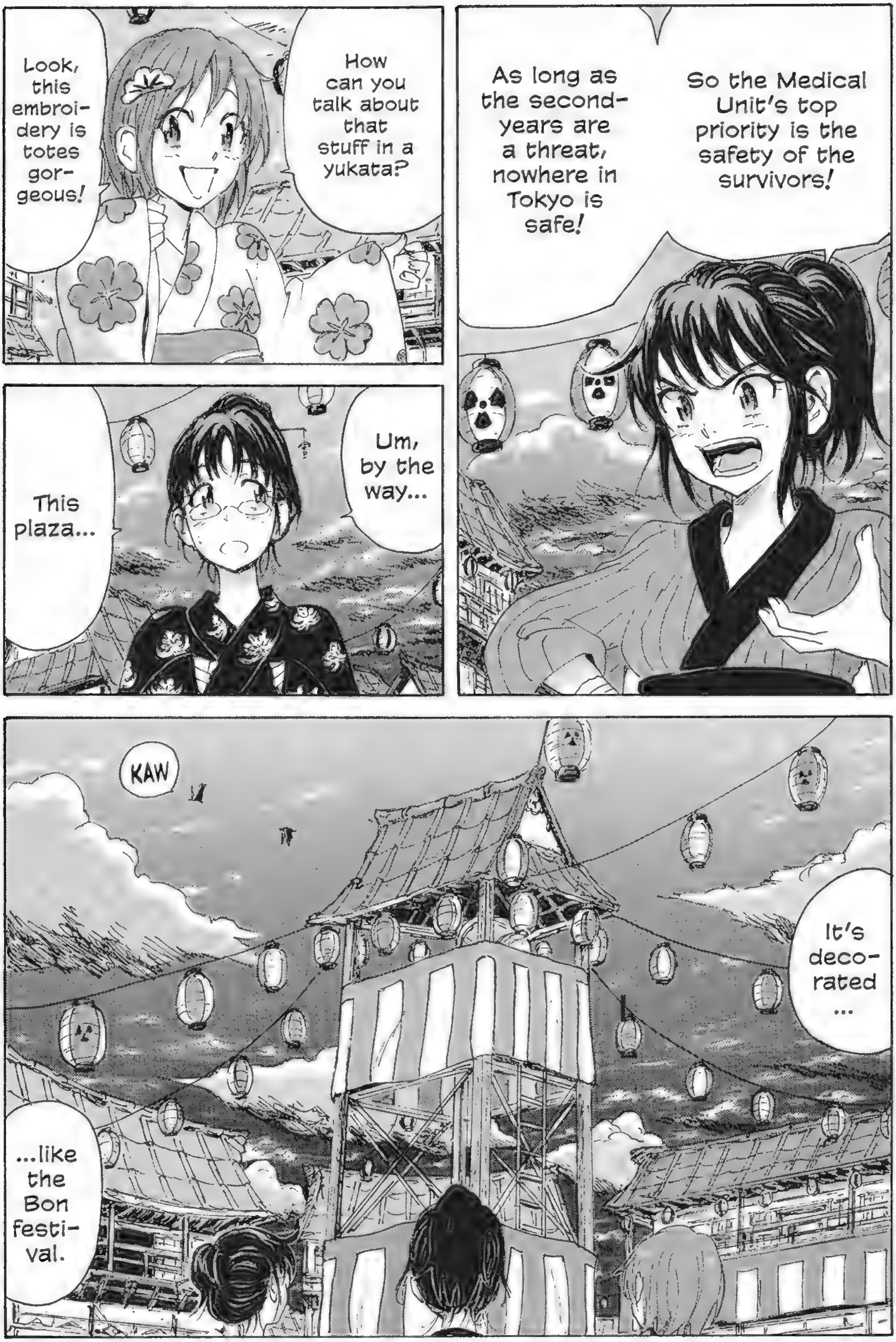
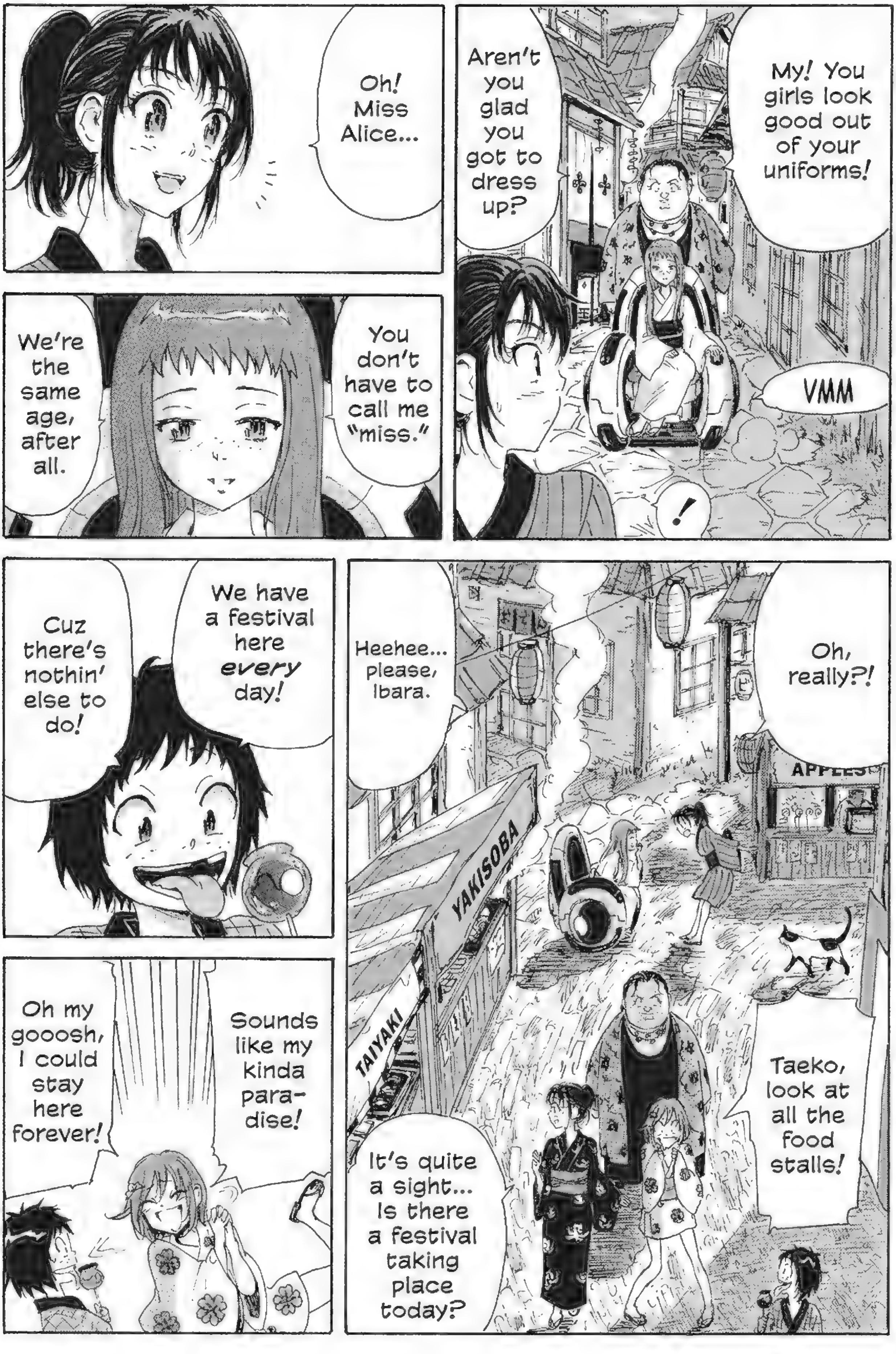

TWEET
Alice...
Her leukemia is because of the radiation, isn't it?
I...
... couldn't say anything back...
It's like she said...
Us showing up to evacuate them *now* seems ridiculous.
Shelter 109 has everything they need to survive.
This town may as well be *reality* for those who've lived here for 20 long years.

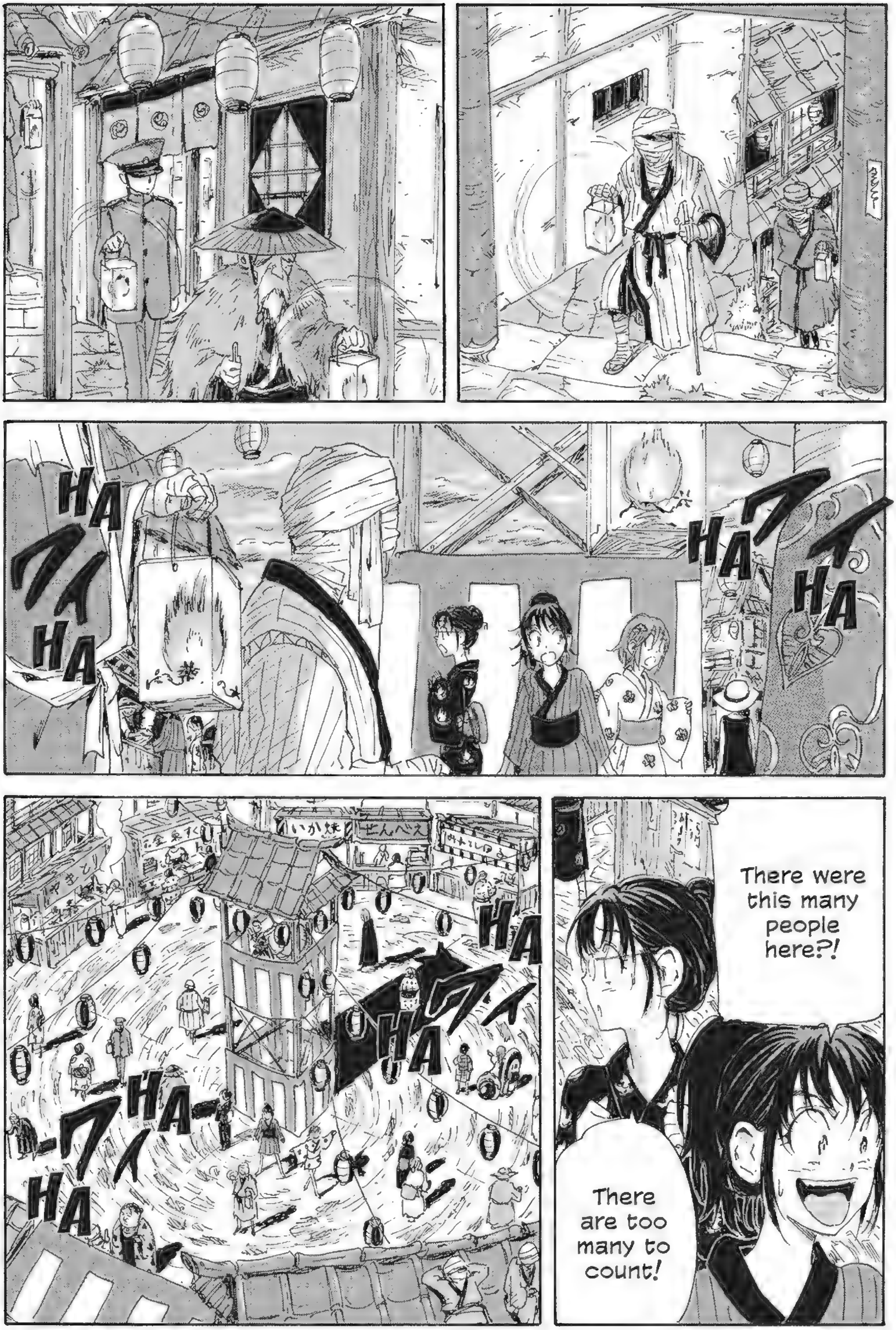

Then... they really don't need us here, do they...?
For them, living here like this might be...
Nagoya has better medical facilities!
They could even find a way to cure Alice—
I wonder if they could...
We've tried everything we could think of.
TMP
She even had a bone marrow transplant, with Ryunosuke as the donor.
But even then she relapsed.
And this time her leukemia is more resistant to treatment.
We've given up hope.

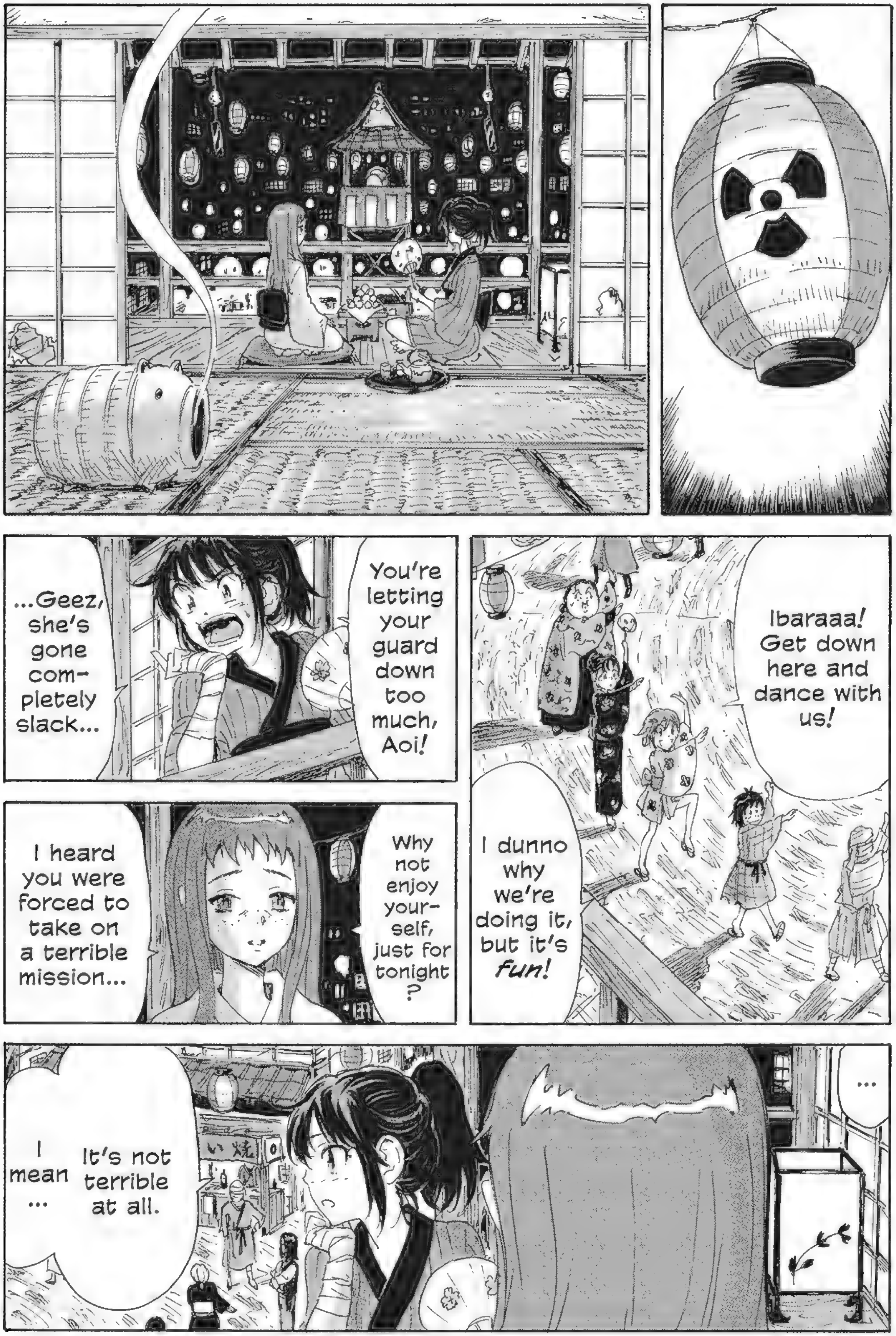

I don't want to see them suffer any longer.
And...
...I once heard Alice say...
...that if she were going to die...
...she'd want it to be here, in Tokyo.

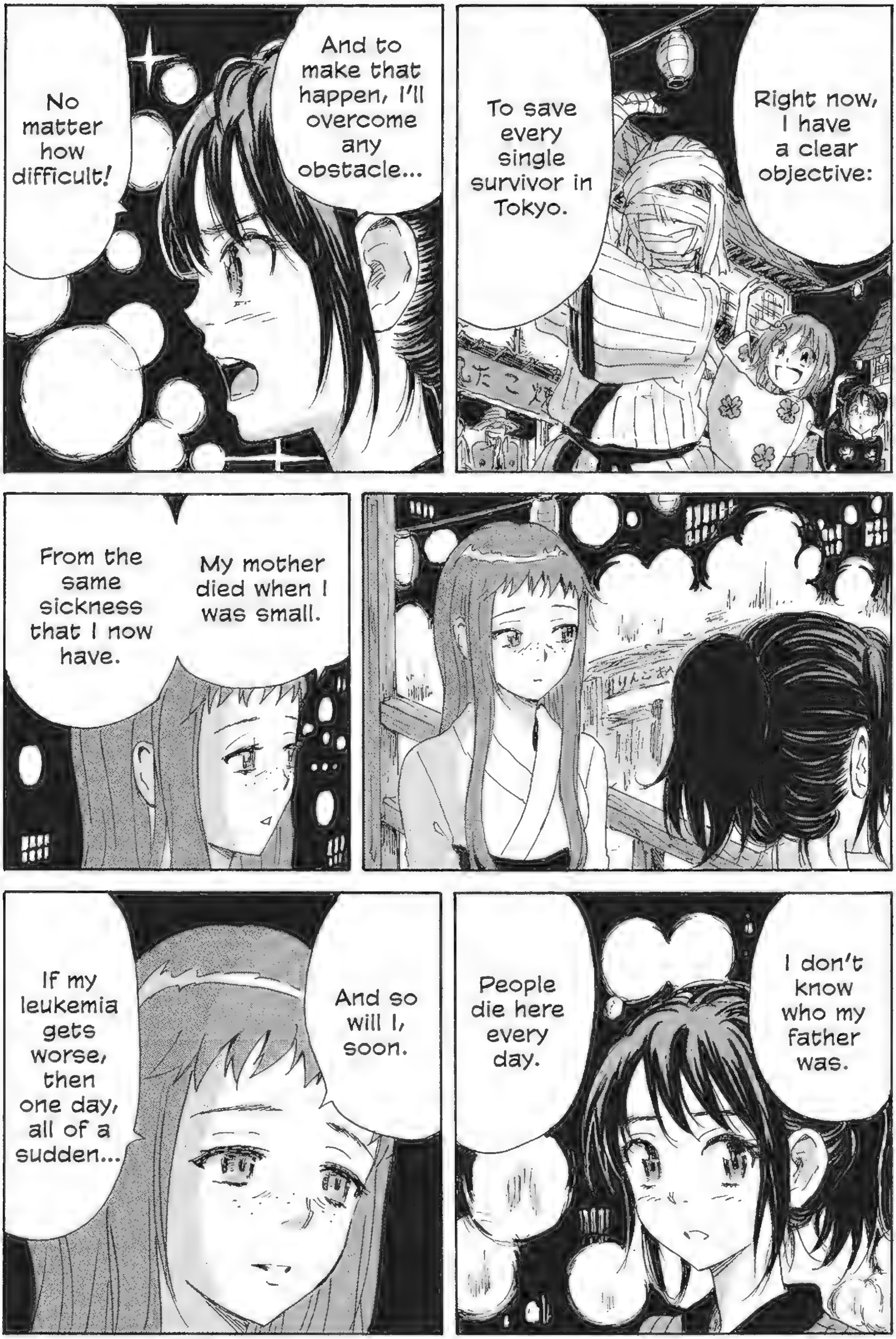

Nagoya Dome Heliport
RRRMMM
We're just about ready to take off!
We're on track to leave tonight.
Ibuse ...
We have one more chore to take care of.
Ah, yeah ...
The Dr. Coppelius problem?
The VP should be gettin' the evac chopper ready now...
And I asked him to look into Dr. Coppelius, too.

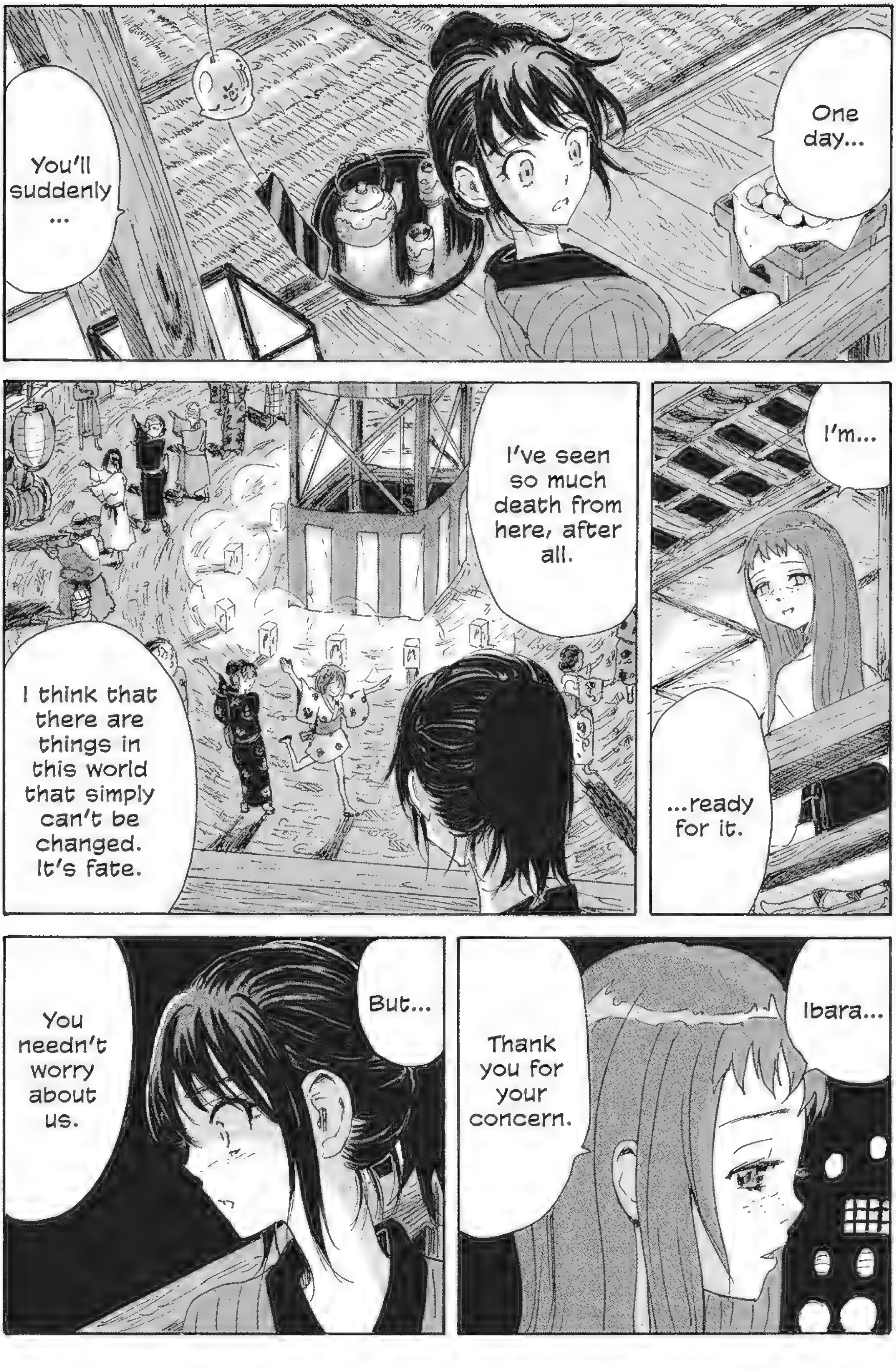

So the Medical Unit's top priority is the safety of the survivors!
As long as the second-years are a threat, nowhere in Tokyo is safe!
How can you talk about that stuff in a yukata?
Look, this embroidery is totes gorgeous!
Um, by the way...
This plaza...
KAW
It's decorated...
...like the Bon festival.

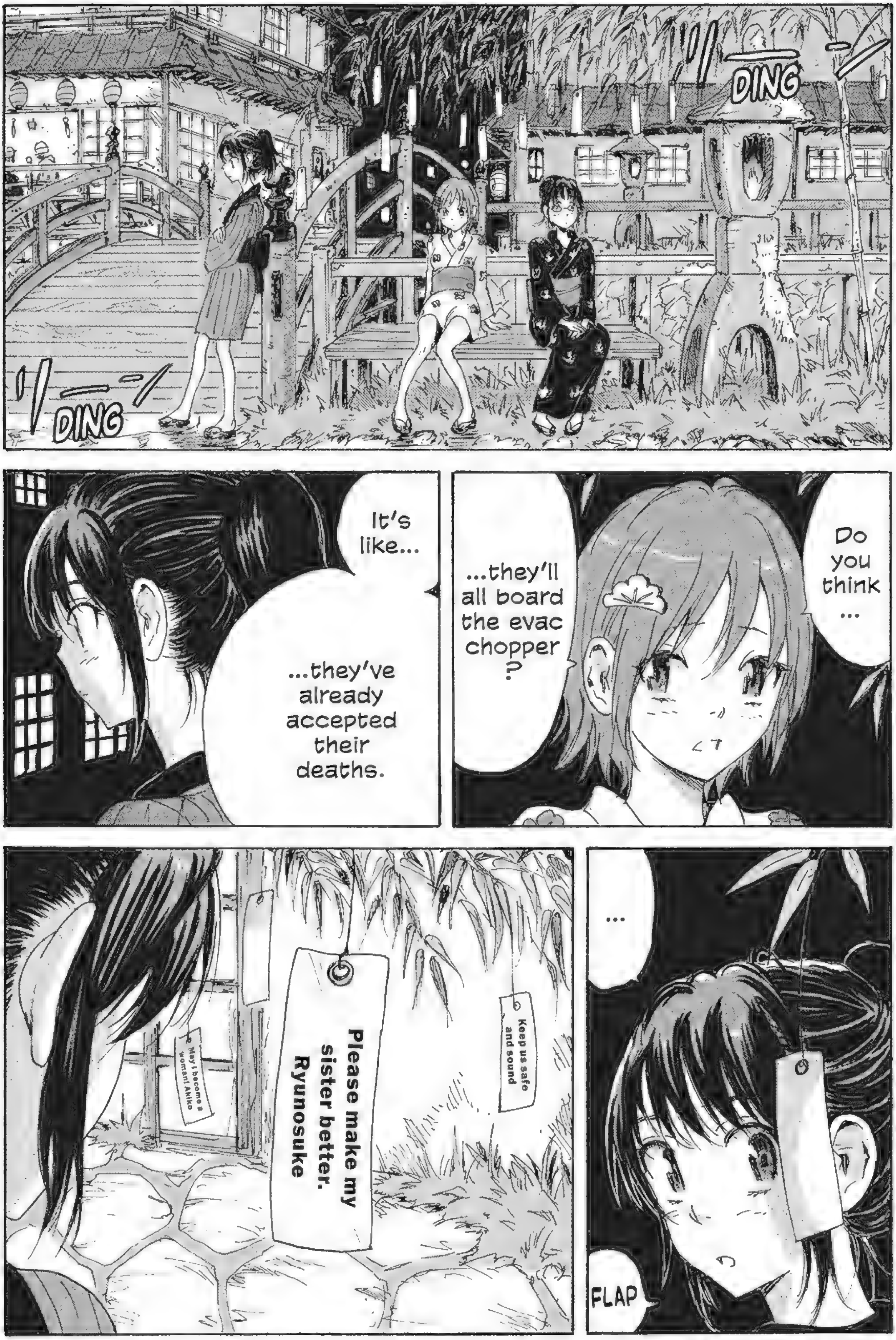

My! You girls look good out of your uniforms!
Aren't you glad you got to dress up?
VMM
!
Oh! Miss Alice...
You don't have to call me "miss."
We're the same age, after all.
Oh, really?!
Heehee... please, Ibara.
APPLES
YAKISOBA
TAIYAKI
Taeko, look at all the food stalls!
It's quite a sight... Is there a festival taking place today?
We have a festival here *every* day!
Cuz there's nothin' else to do!
Sounds like my kinda para-dise!
Oh my gooosh, I could stay here forever!

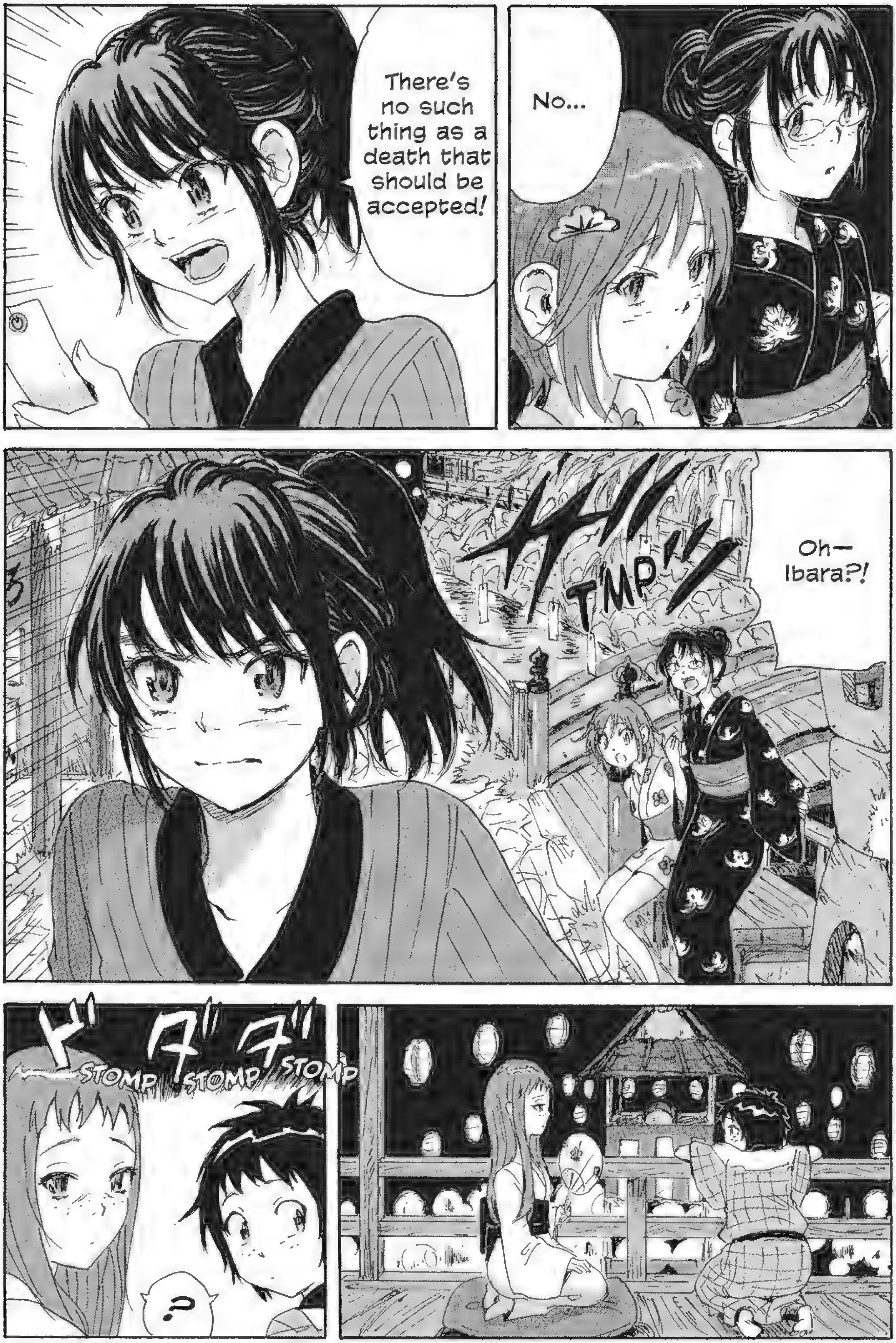

HA ワイ HA HA
HA ワイ HA HA
There were this many people here?!
There are too many to count!
せんべえ
いか焼
金魚すくい
やきとり
HA ワイ HA
HA- ワイ HA HA

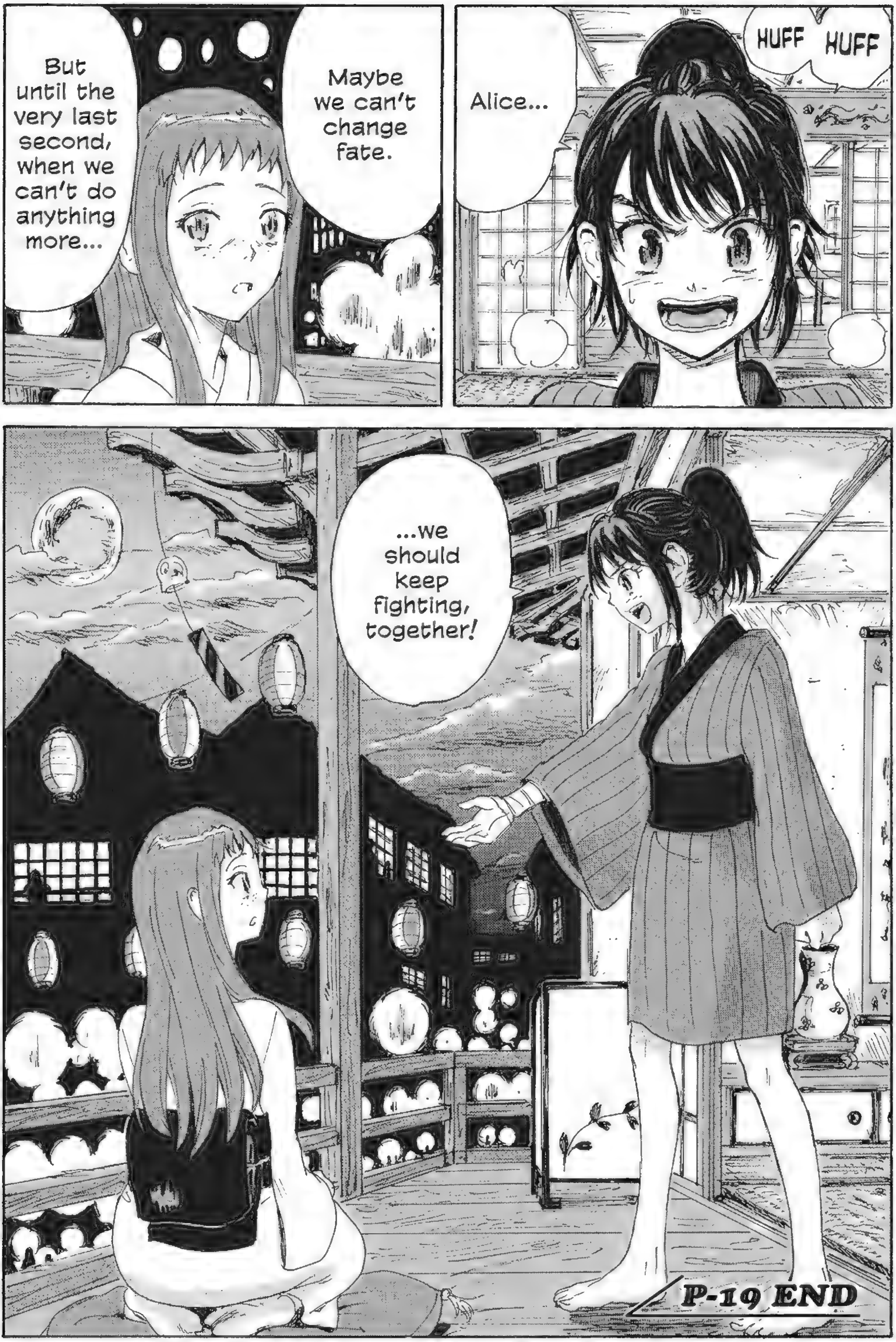

Ibaraaa! Get down here and dance with us!
I dunno why we're doing it, but it's *fun*!
You're letting your guard down too much, Aoi!
...Geez, she's gone completely slack...
Why not enjoy yourself, just for tonight?
I heard you were forced to take on a terrible mission...
...
It's not terrible at all.
I mean ...

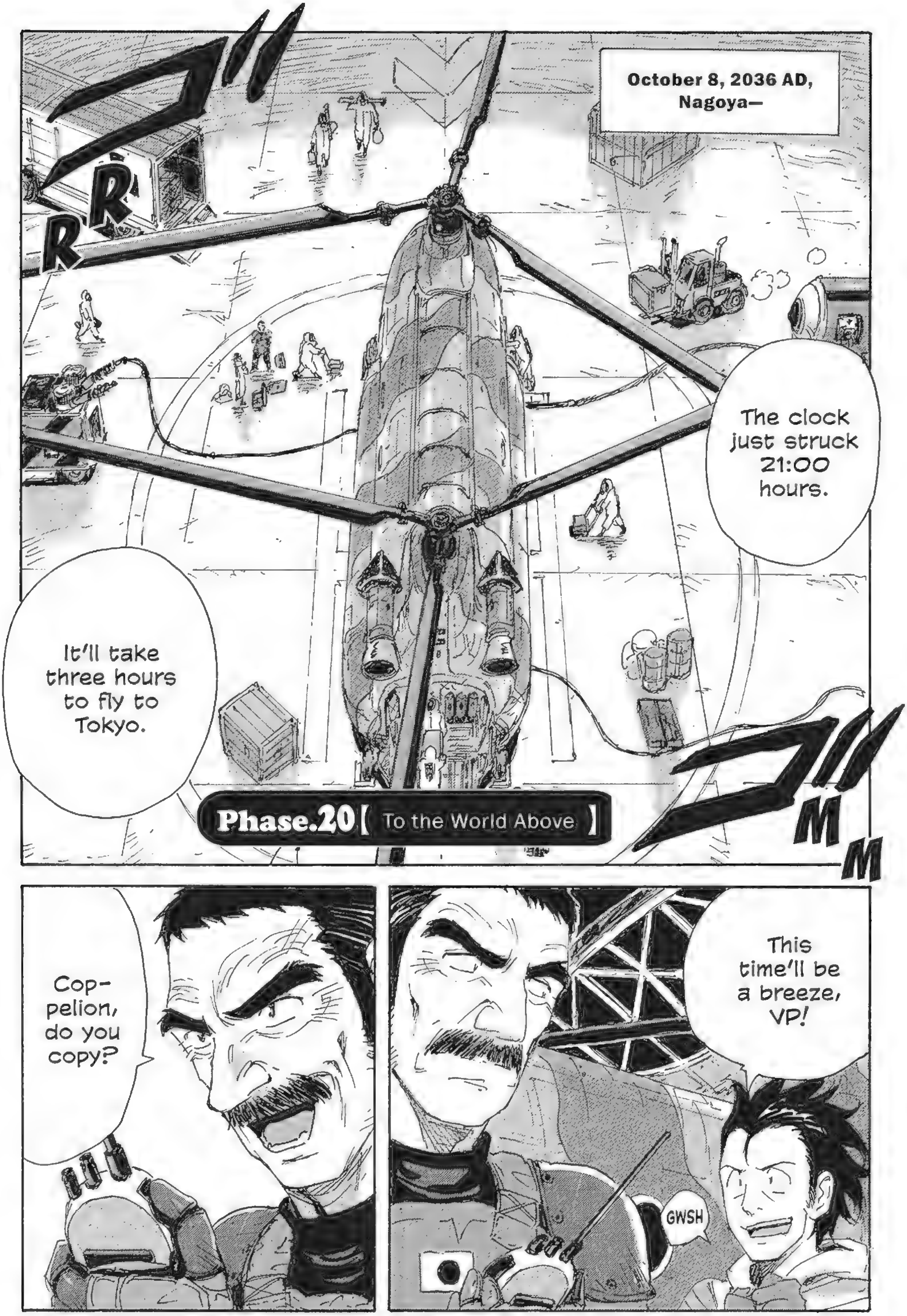

Right now, I have a clear objective:
To save every single survivor in Tokyo.
And to make that happen, I'll overcome any obstacle...
No matter how difficult!
My mother died when I was small.
From the same sickness that I now have.
I don't know who my father was.
People die here every day.
And so will I, soon.
If my leukemia gets worse, then one day, all of a sudden...

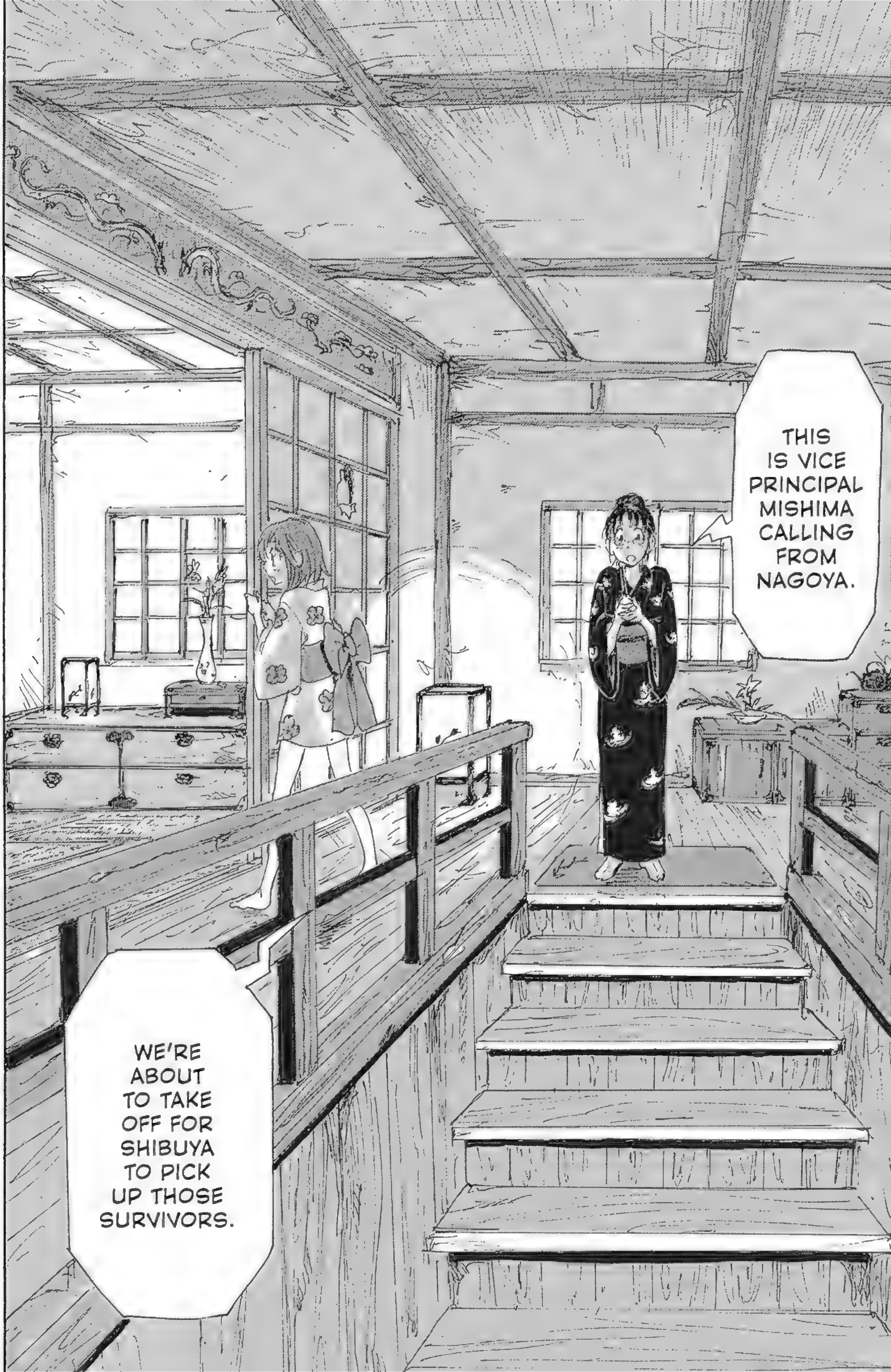

One day...
You'll suddenly ...
I'm...
...ready for it.
I've seen so much death from here, after all.
I think that there are things in this world that simply can't be changed. It's fate.
Ibara...
Thank you for your concern.
But...
You needn't worry about us.

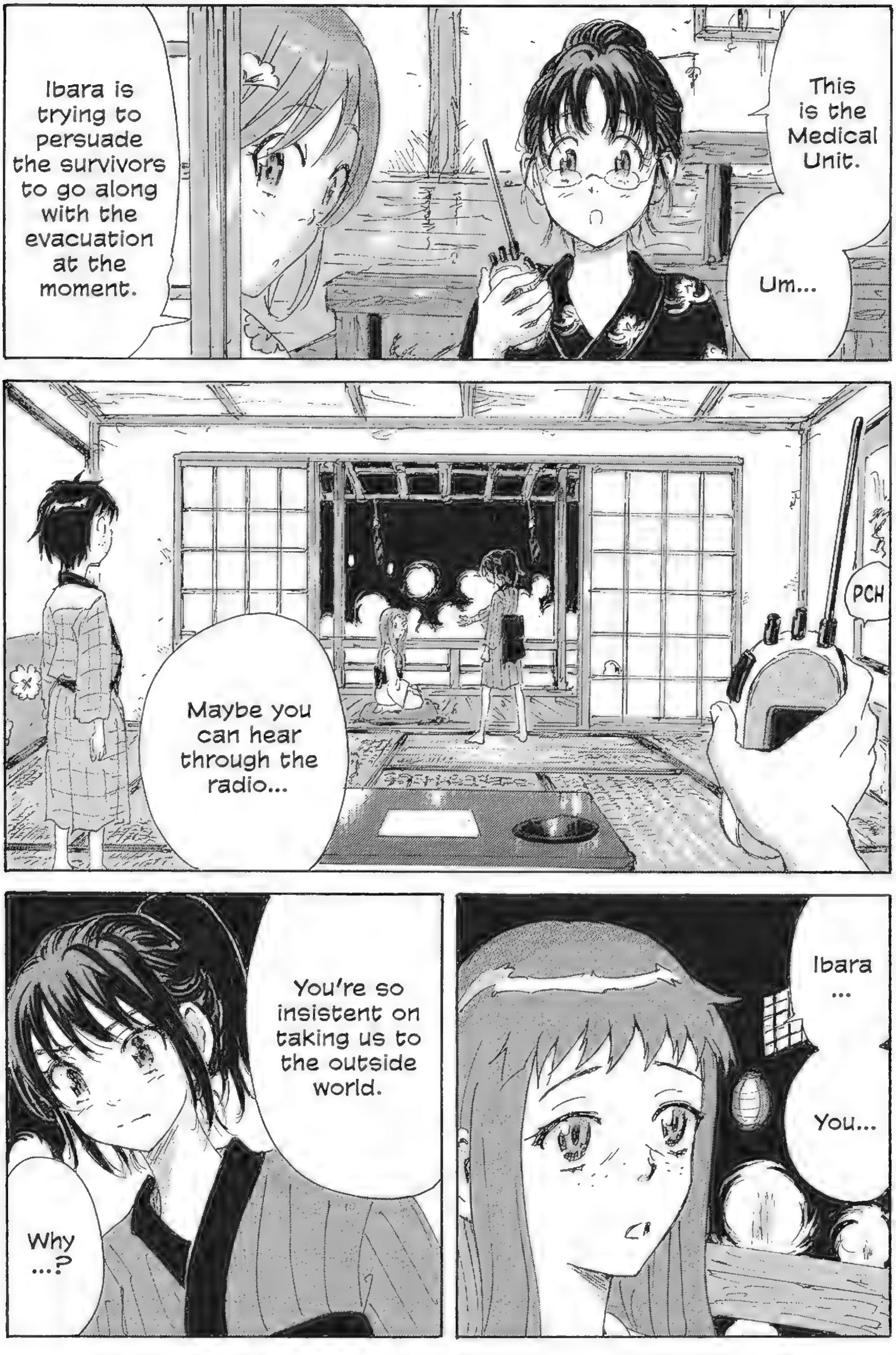

DING
DING
Do you think...
...they'll all board the evac chopper?
It's like...
...they've already accepted their deaths.
...
FLAP
Keep us safe and sound
Please make my sister better. Ryunosuke
May I become a woman! Akiko

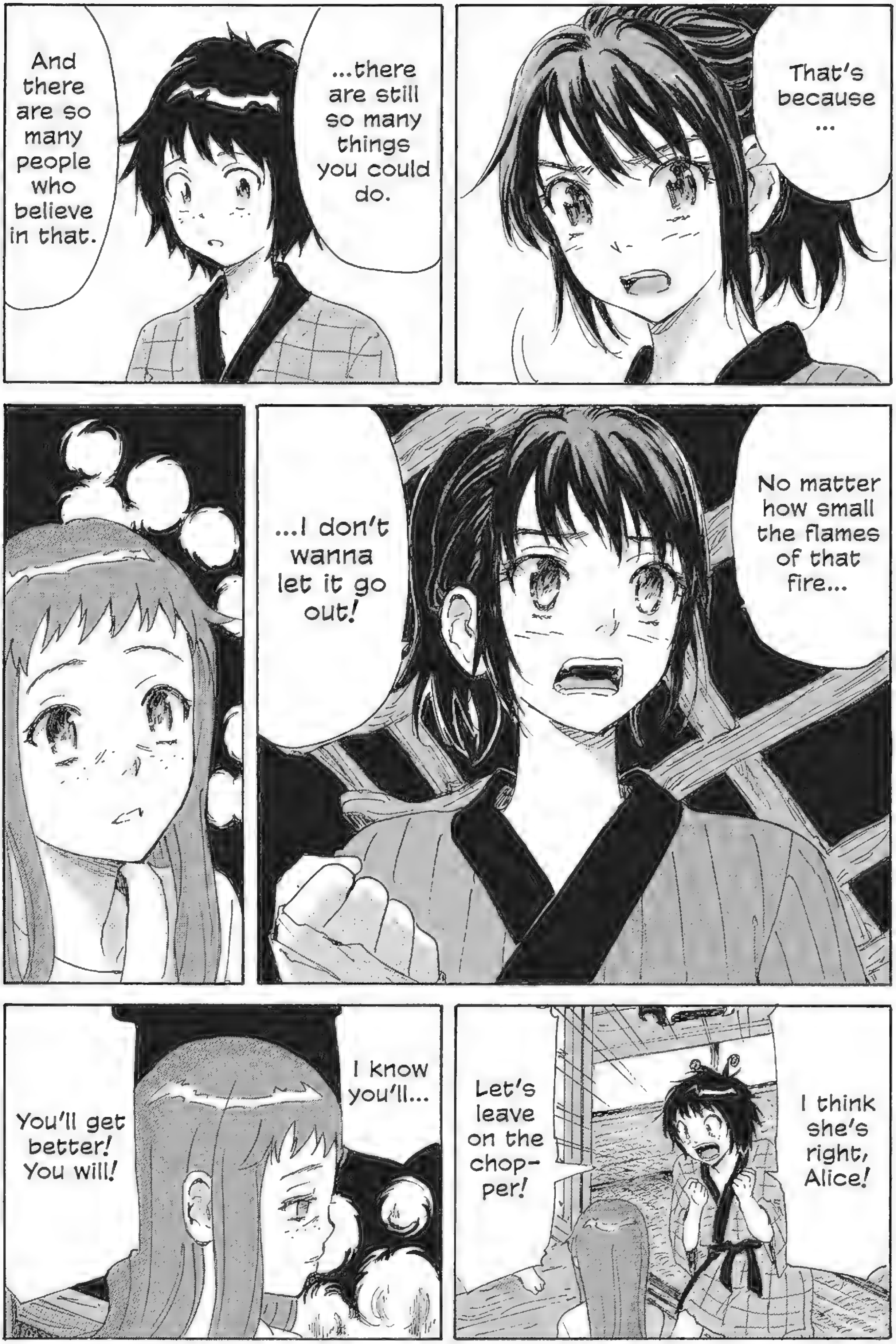

No...
There's no such thing as a death that should be accepted!
TMP!!
Oh— Ibara?!
ドダダ
STOMP STOMP STOMP
?

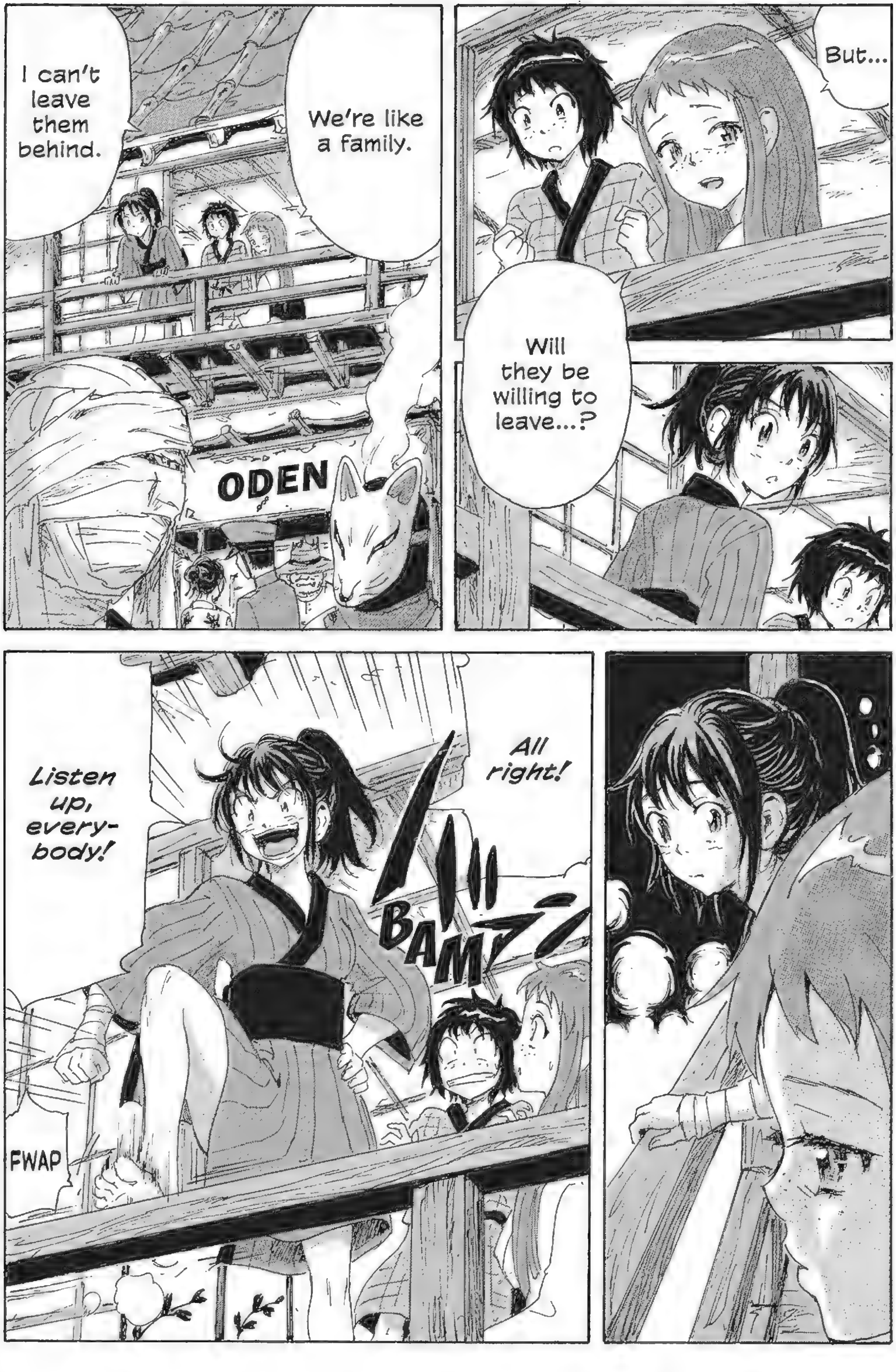

HUFF HUFF
Alice...
Maybe we can't change fate.
But until the very last second, when we can't do anything more...
...we should keep fighting, together!
P-19 END

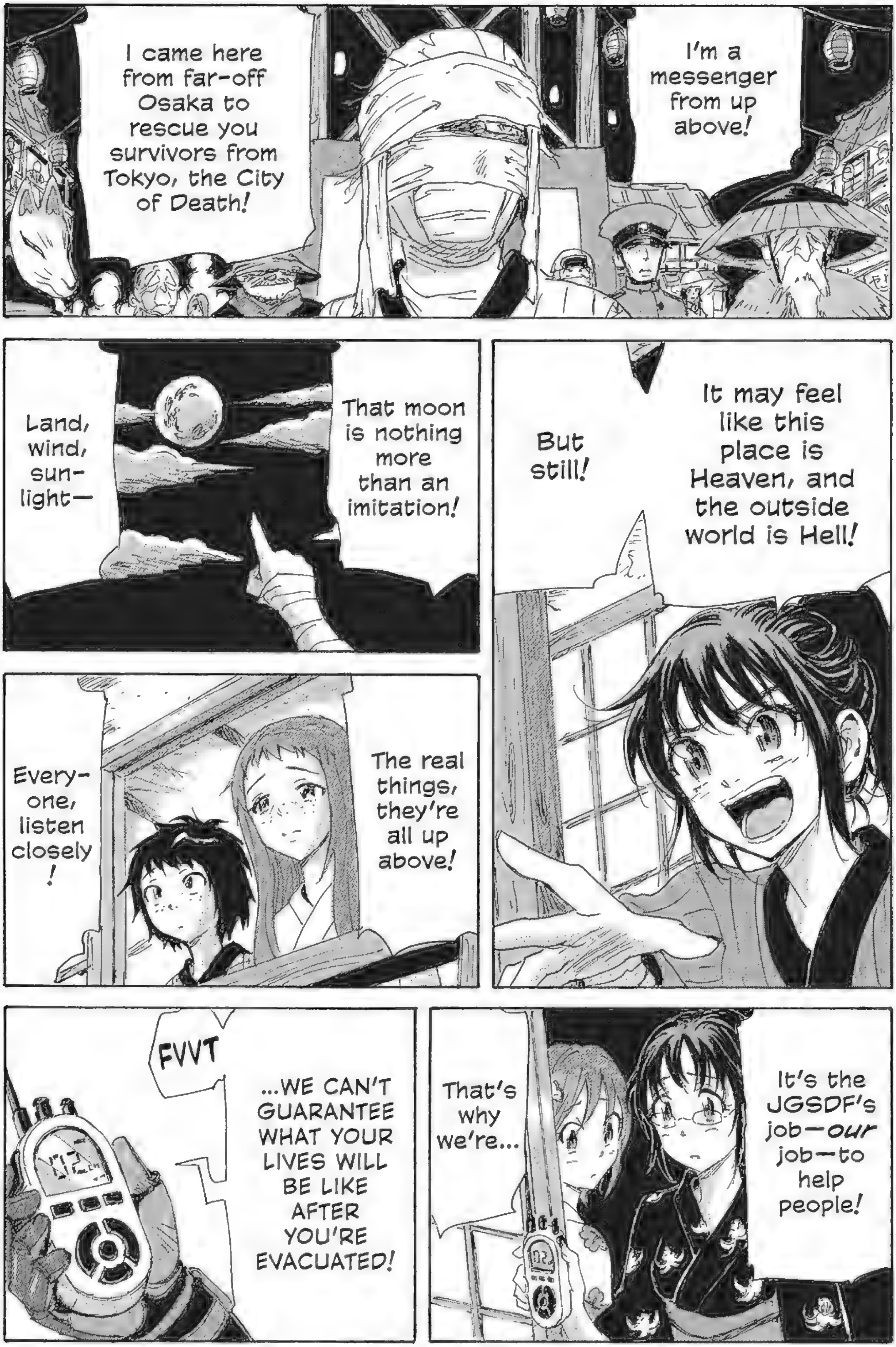

October 8, 2036 AD, Nagoya—
ゴ゛゛RRR
The clock just struck 21:00 hours.
It'll take three hours to fly to Tokyo.
ゴ゛゛MMM
Phase.20 [To the World Above]
This time'll be a breeze, VP!
GWSH
Cop-pelion, do you copy?

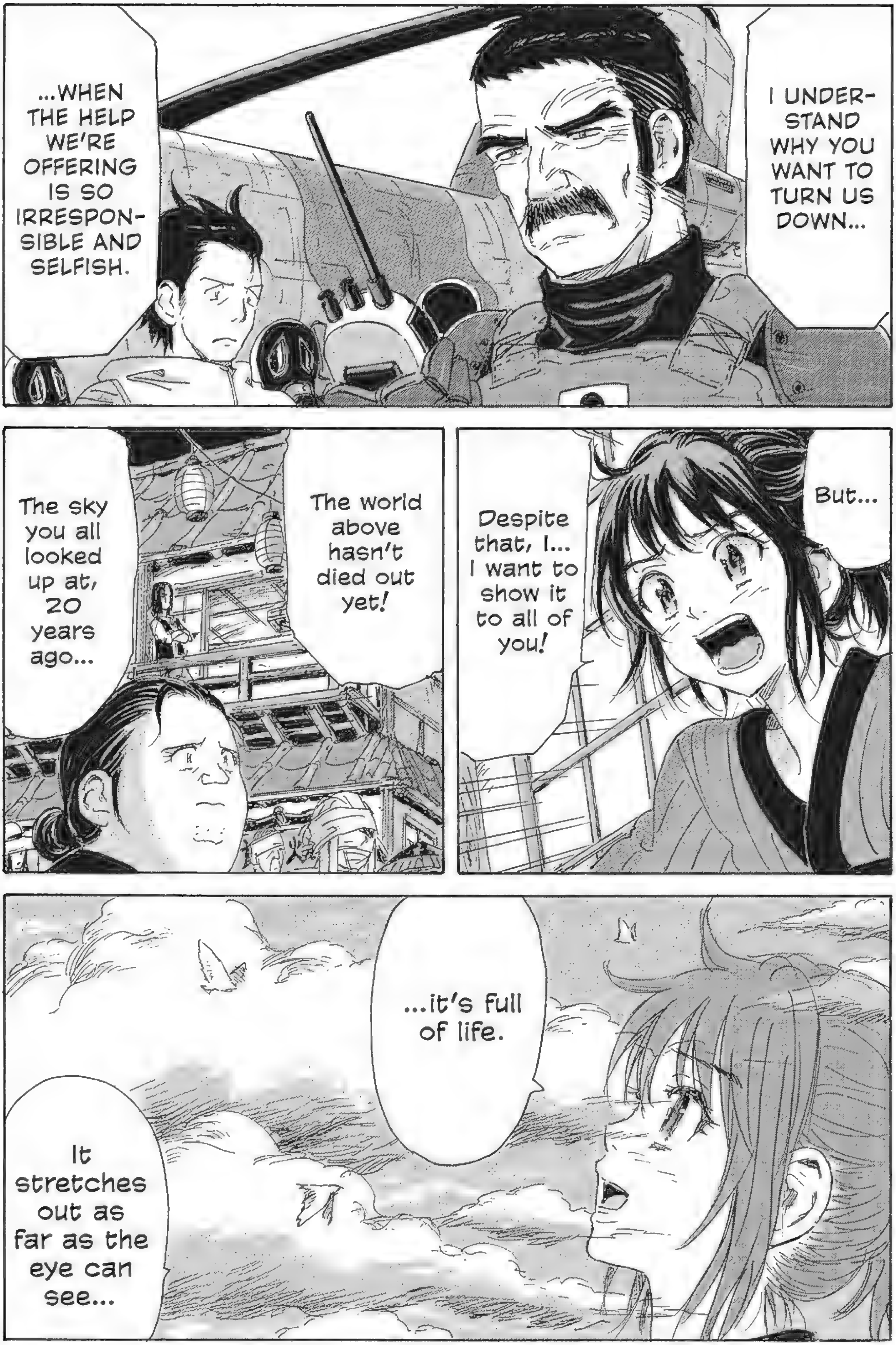

THIS IS VICE PRINCIPAL MISHIMA CALLING FROM NAGOYA.
WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE OFF FOR SHIBUYA TO PICK UP THOSE SURVIVORS.

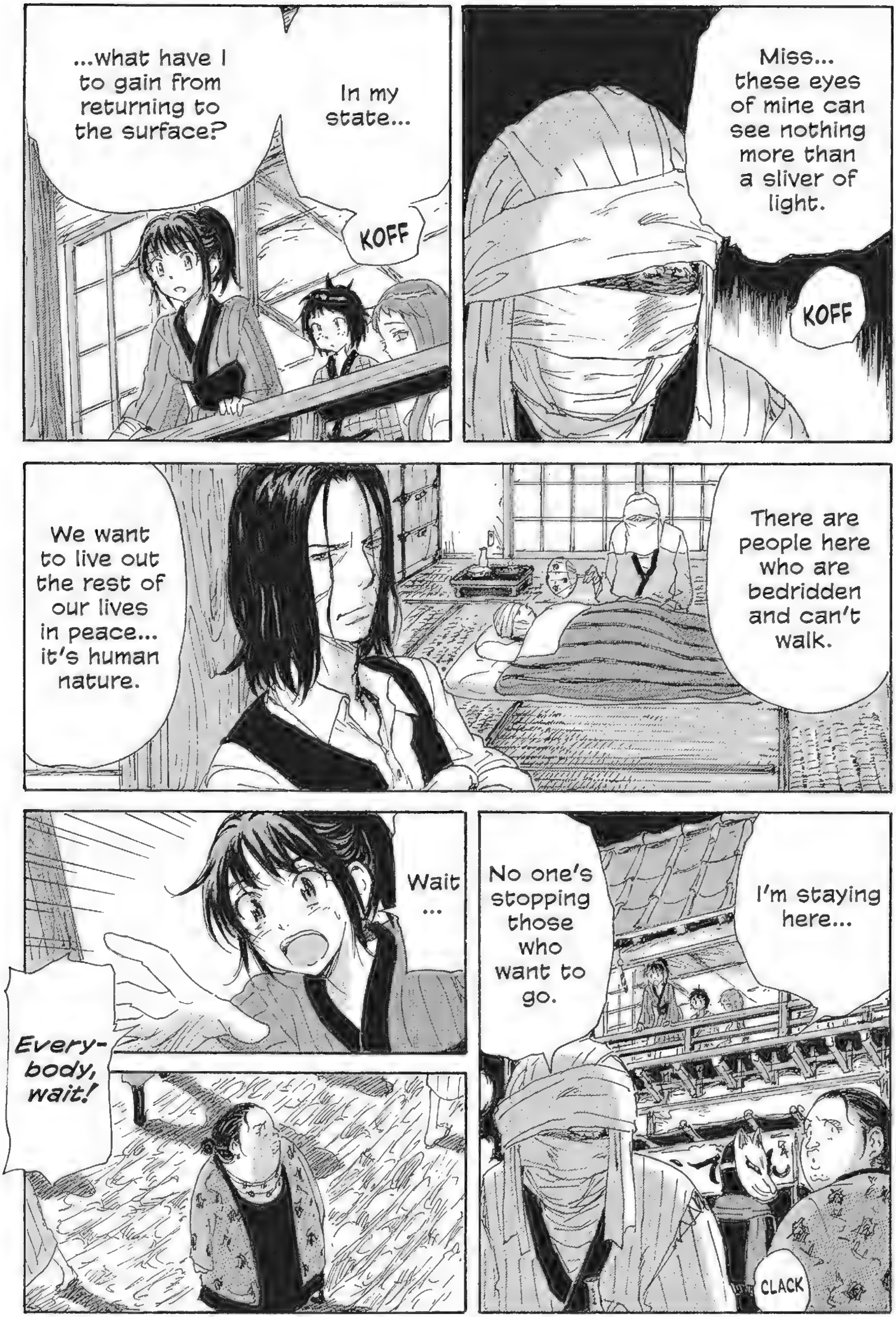

This is the Medical Unit.
Um...
Ibara is trying to persuade the survivors to go along with the evacuation at the moment.
PCH
Maybe you can hear through the radio...
Ibara...
You...
You're so insistent on taking us to the outside world.
Why...?

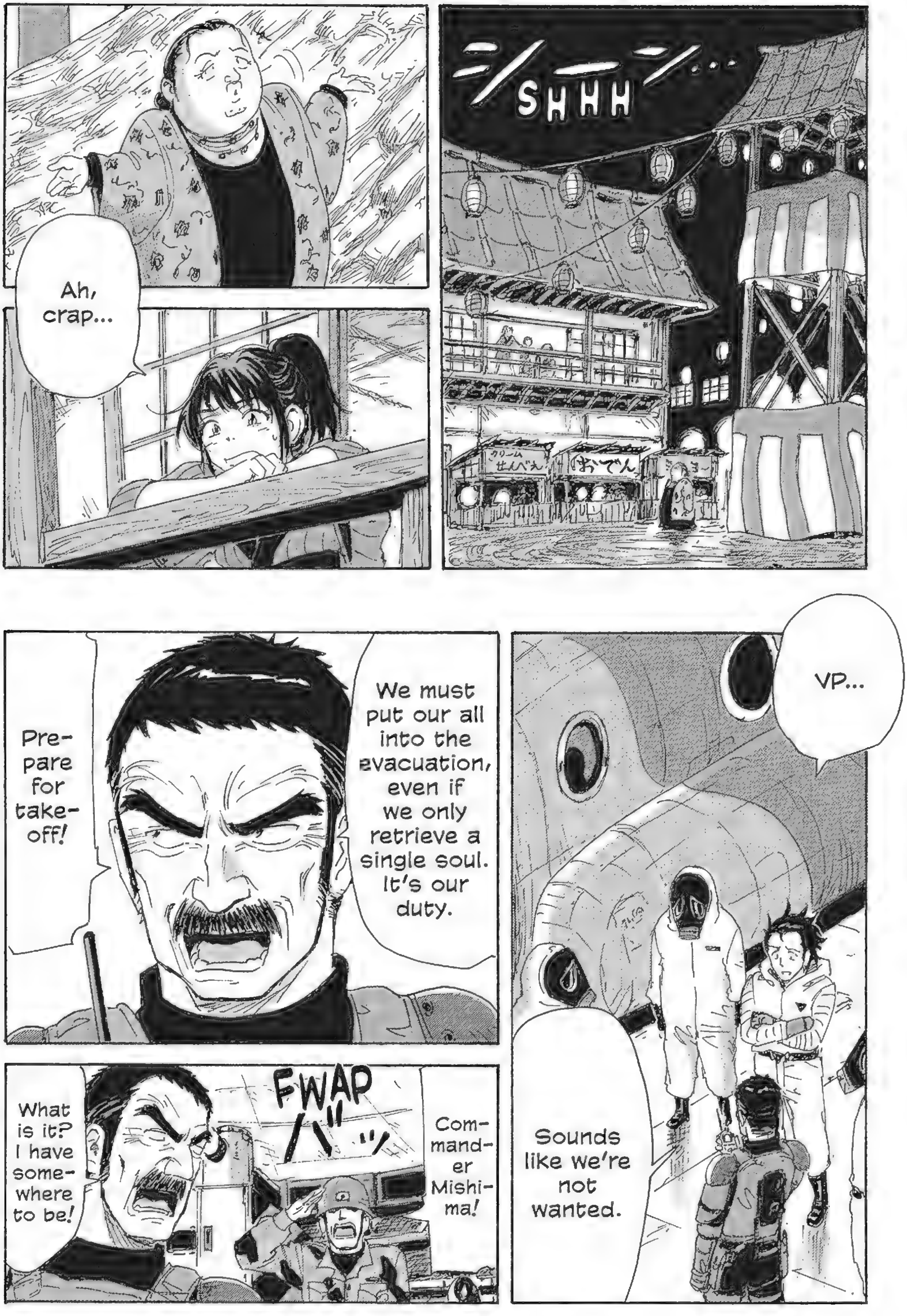

That's because...
...there are still so many things you could do.
And there are so many people who believe in that.
No matter how small the flames of that fire...
...I don't wanna let it go out!
I think she's right, Alice!
Let's leave on the chopper!
I know you'll...
You'll get better! You will!

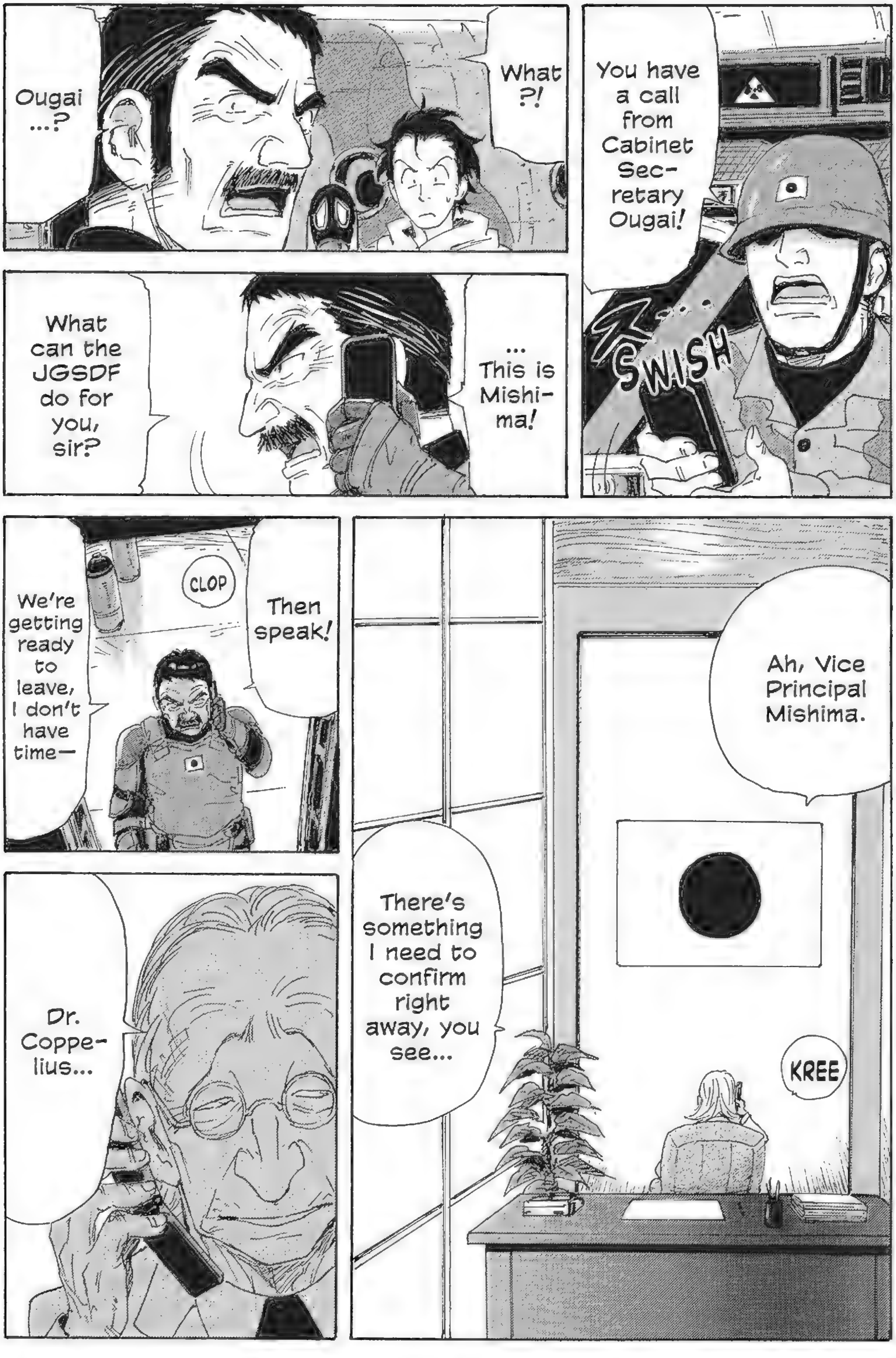

I can't leave them behind.
We're like a family.
ODEN
But...
Will they be willing to leave...?
Listen up, everybody!
All right!
BAM
FWAP

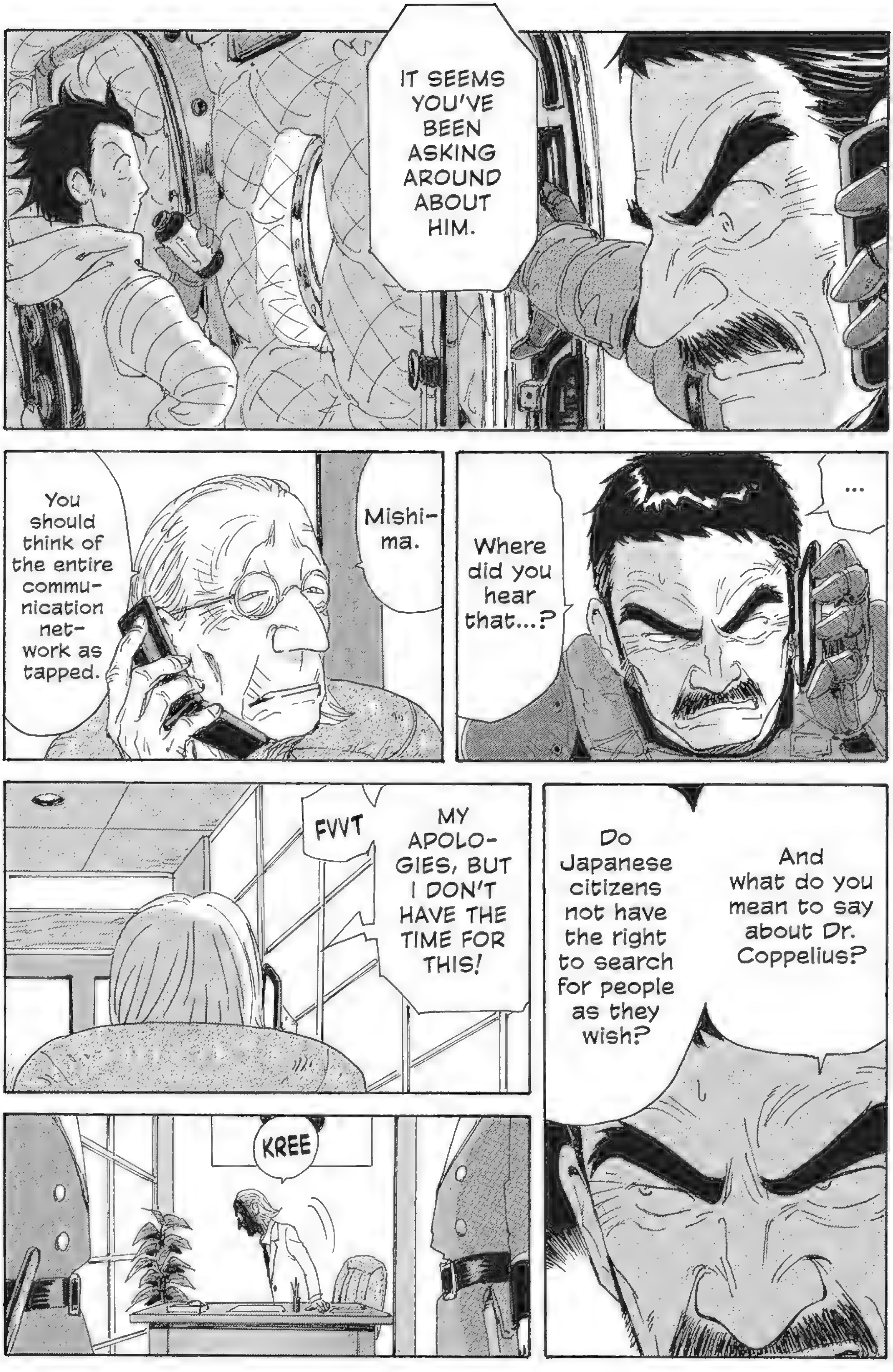

I'm a messenger from up above!
I came here from far-off Osaka to rescue you survivors from Tokyo, the City of Death!
It may feel like this place is Heaven, and the outside world is Hell!
But still!
That moon is nothing more than an imitation!
Land, wind, sunlight—
The real things, they're all up above!
Everyone, listen closely!
It's the JGSDF's job—*our* job—to help people!
That's why we're...
FVVT
...WE CAN'T GUARANTEE WHAT YOUR LIVES WILL BE LIKE AFTER YOU'RE EVACUATED!

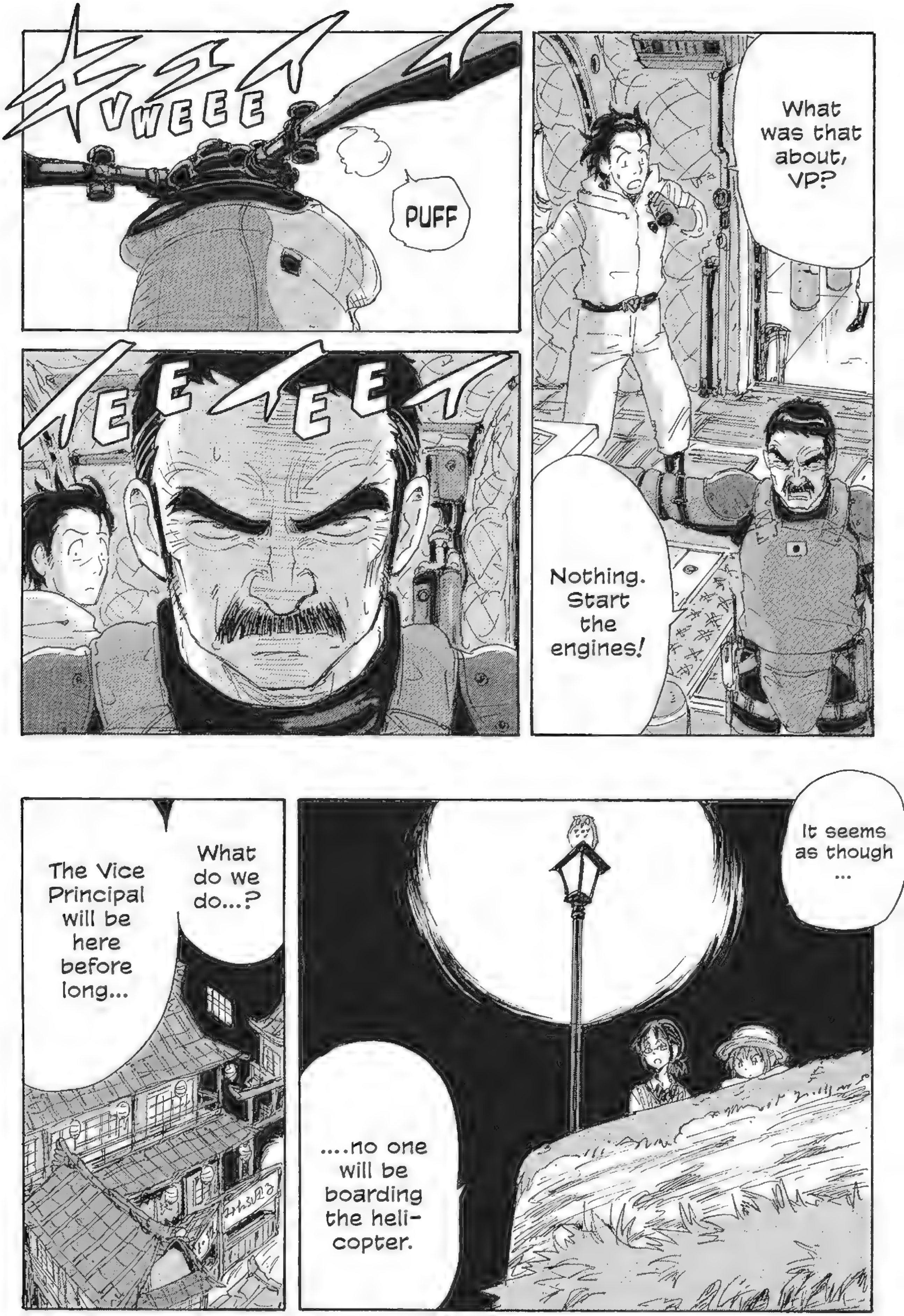

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO TURN US DOWN...
...WHEN THE HELP WE'RE OFFERING IS SO IRRESPONSIBLE AND SELFISH.
But...
Despite that, I... I want to show it to all of you!
The world above hasn't died out yet!
The sky you all looked up at, 20 years ago...
...it's full of life.
It stretches out as far as the eye can see...

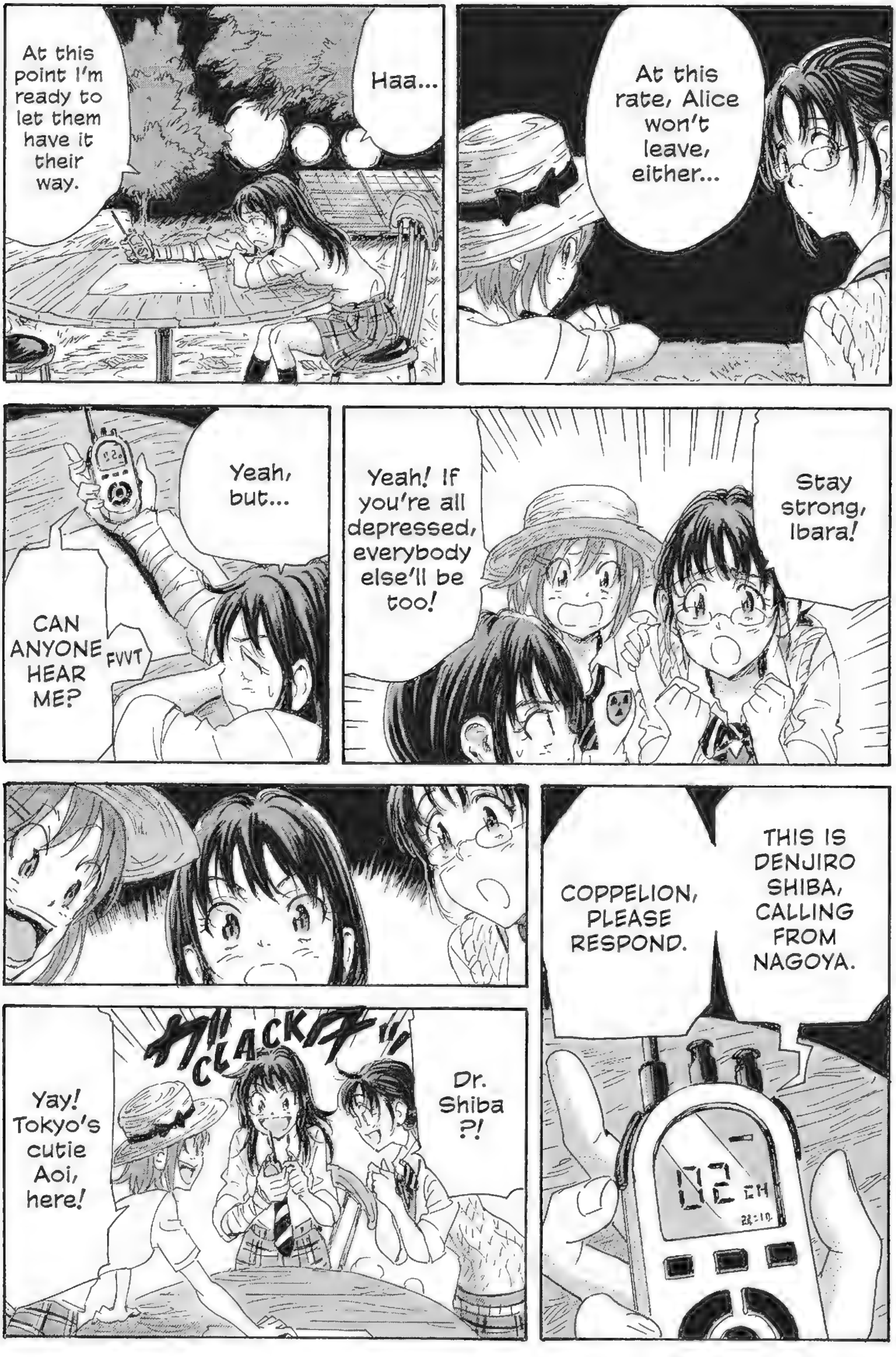

Miss... these eyes of mine can see nothing more than a sliver of light.
KOFF
In my state...
...what have I to gain from returning to the surface?
KOFF
There are people here who are bedridden and can't walk.
We want to live out the rest of our lives in peace... it's human nature.
I'm staying here...
No one's stopping those who want to go.
CLACK
Wait...
Every-body, wait!

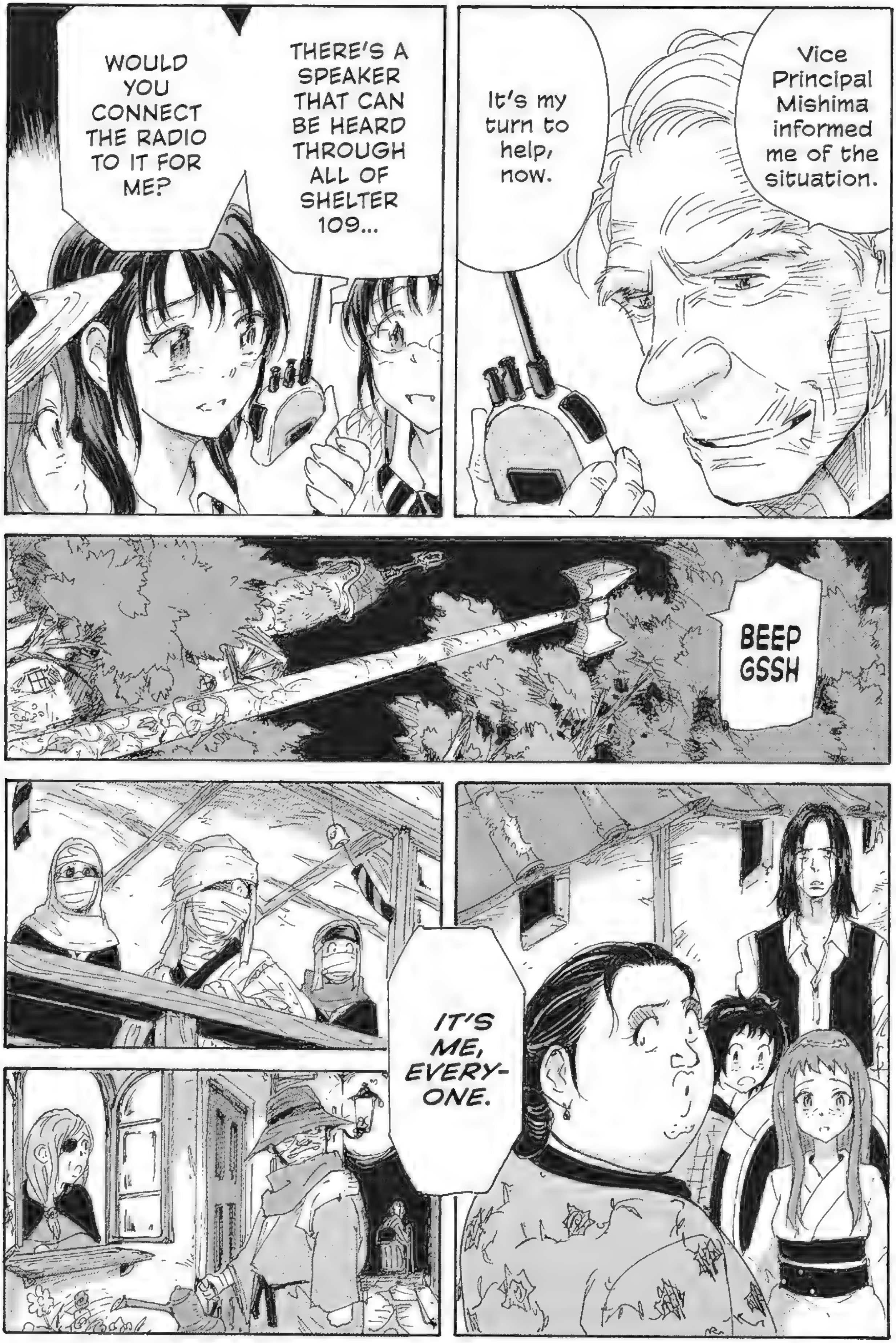

シーン...
SHHH
クリーム せんべい
おでん
Ah, crap...
VP...
Sounds like we're not wanted.
We must put our all into the evacuation, even if we only retrieve a single soul. It's our duty.
Prepare for take-off!
Commander Mishima!
FWAP
バッ
What is it? I have somewhere to be!

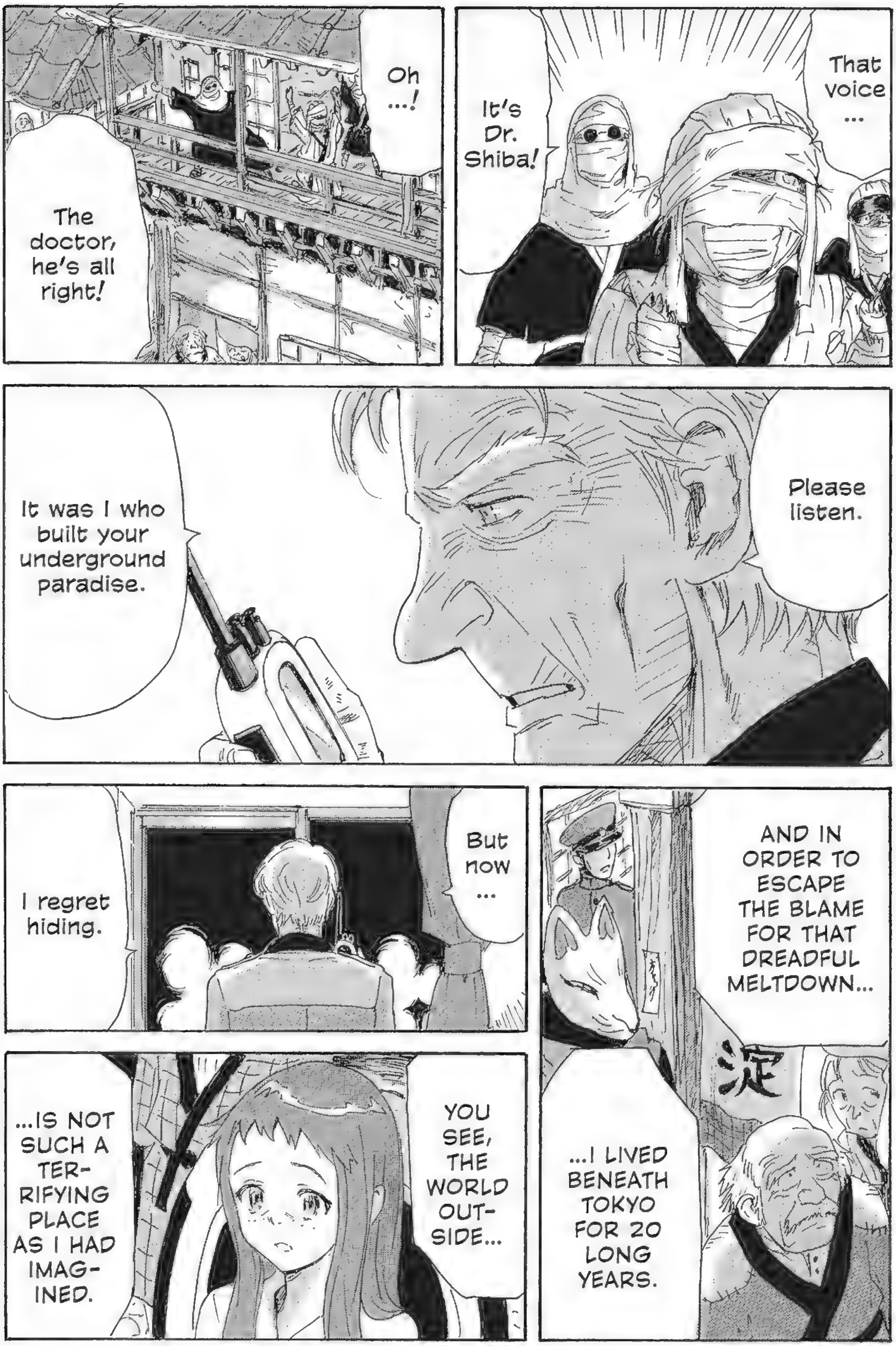

You have a call from Cabinet Secretary Ougai!
SWISH
What?!
Ougai ...?
... This is Mishima!
What can the JGSDF do for you, sir?
Ah, Vice Principal Mishima.
KREE
There's something I need to confirm right away, you see...
Then speak!
CLOP
We're getting ready to leave, I don't have time—
Dr. Coppelius...

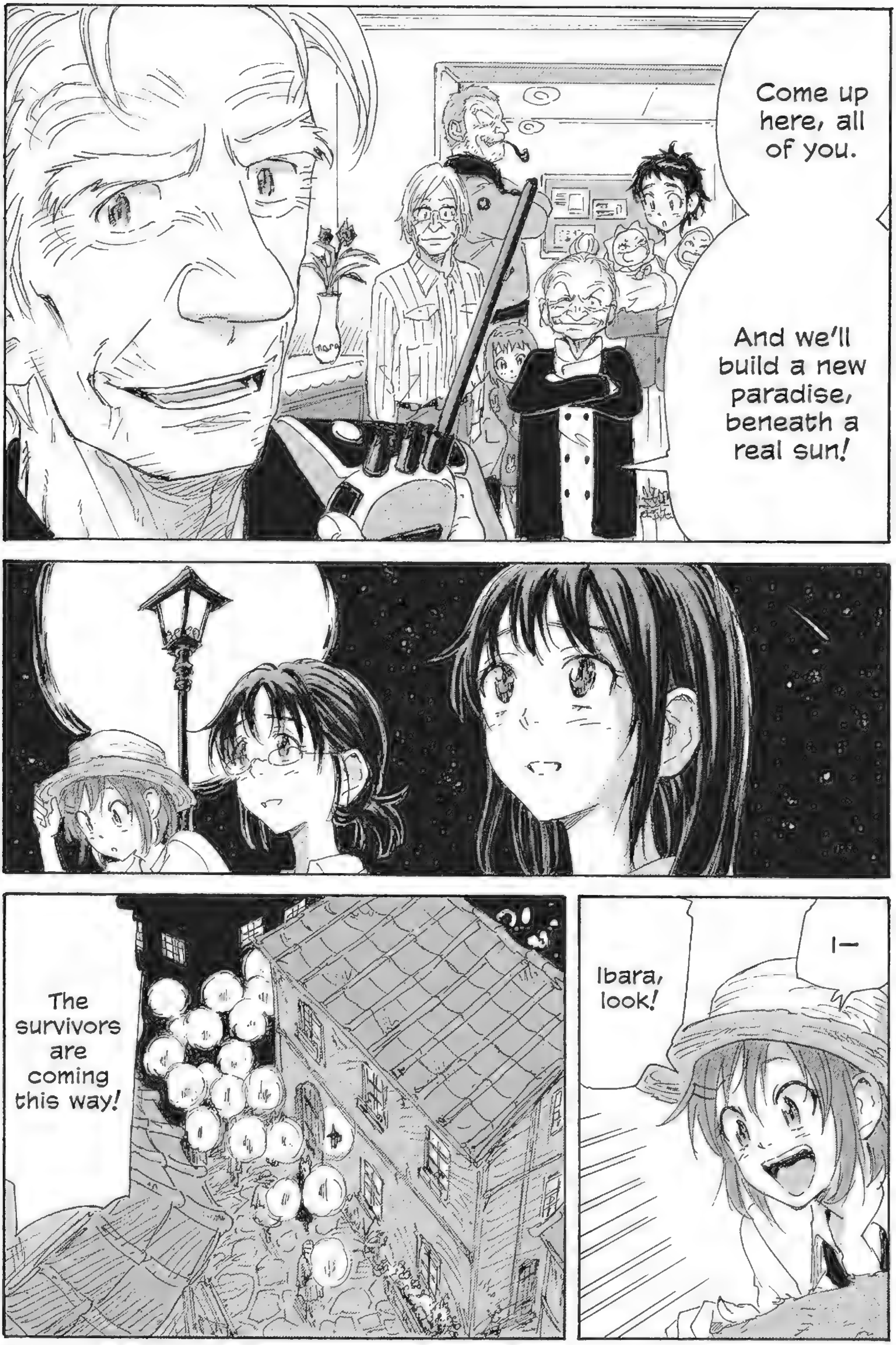

IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN ASKING AROUND ABOUT HIM.
...
Where did you hear that...?
Mishima.
You should think of the entire communication network as tapped.
And what do you mean to say about Dr. Coppelius?
Do Japanese citizens not have the right to search for people as they wish?
MY APOLOGIES, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR THIS!
FVVT
KREE

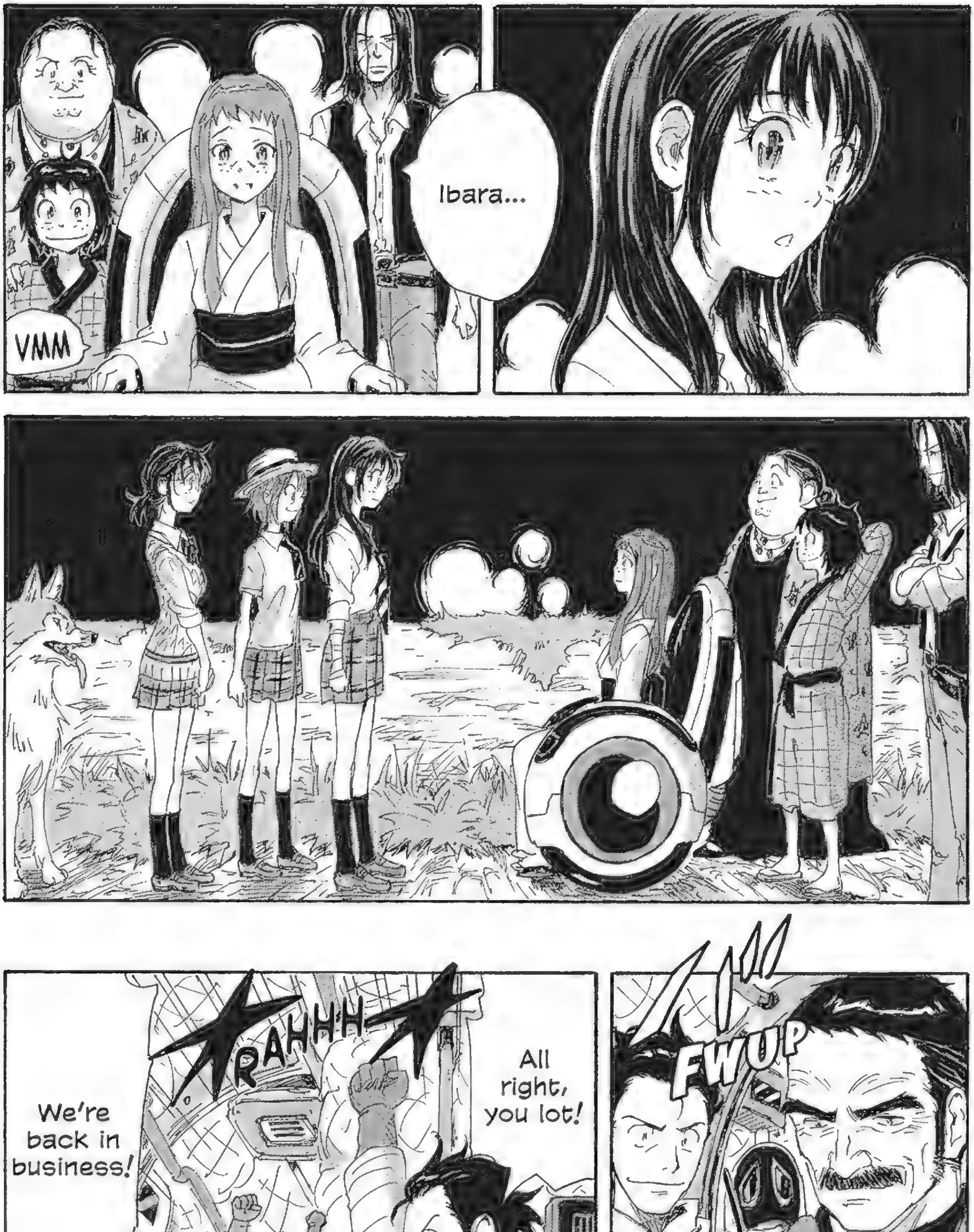

VWEEE
PUFF
What was that about, VP?
EEEE
Nothing. Start the engines!
It seems as though ...
....no one will be boarding the helicopter.
What do we do...?
The Vice Principal will be here before long...

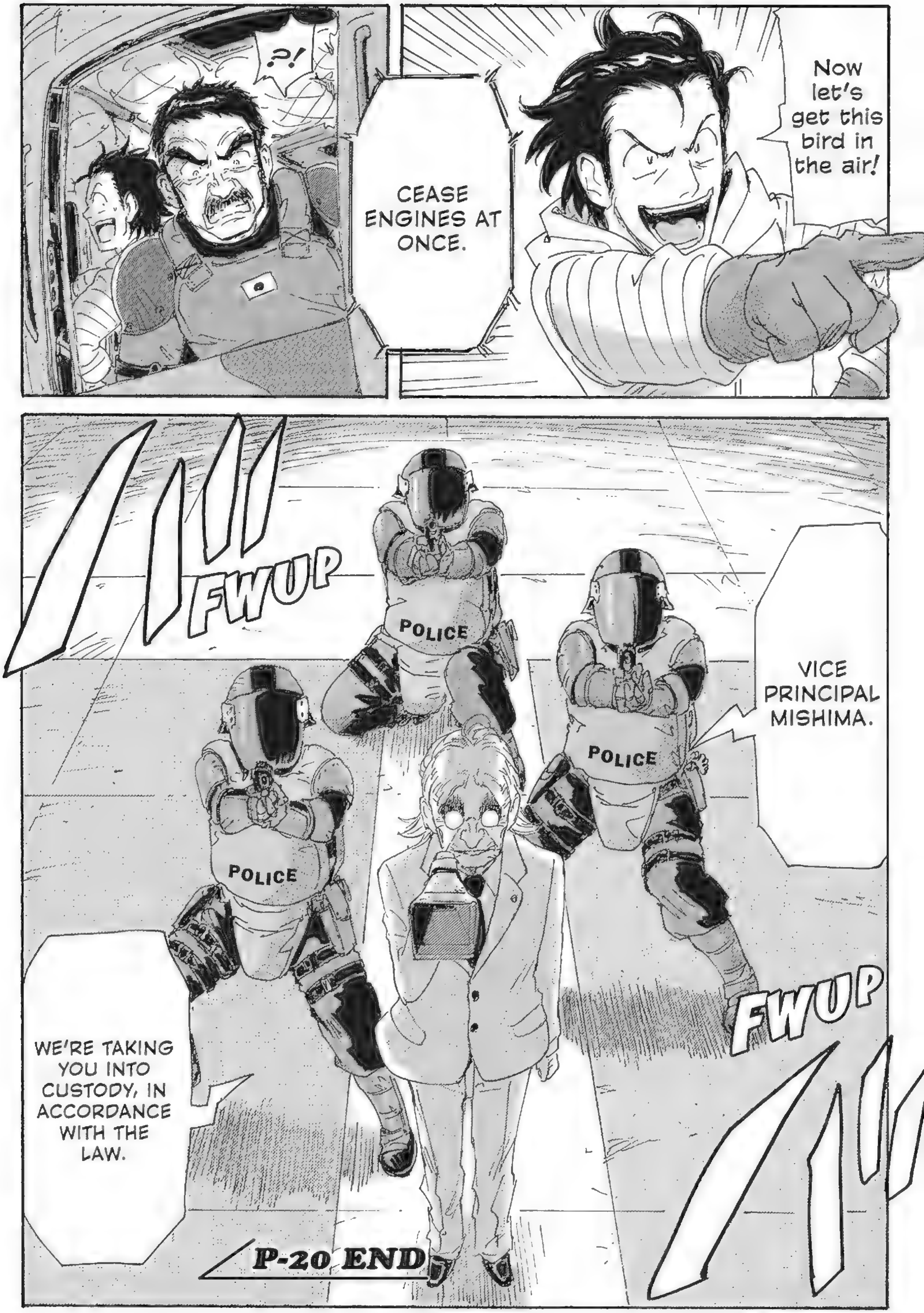

At this rate, Alice won't leave, either...
Haa...
At this point I'm ready to let them have it their way.
Stay strong, Ibara!
Yeah! If you're all depressed, everybody else'll be too!
Yeah, but...
CAN ANYONE HEAR ME?
FVVT
THIS IS DENJIRO SHIBA, CALLING FROM NAGOYA.
COPPELION, PLEASE RESPOND.
02 CH
CLACK
Dr. Shiba ?!
Yay! Tokyo's cutie Aoi, here!

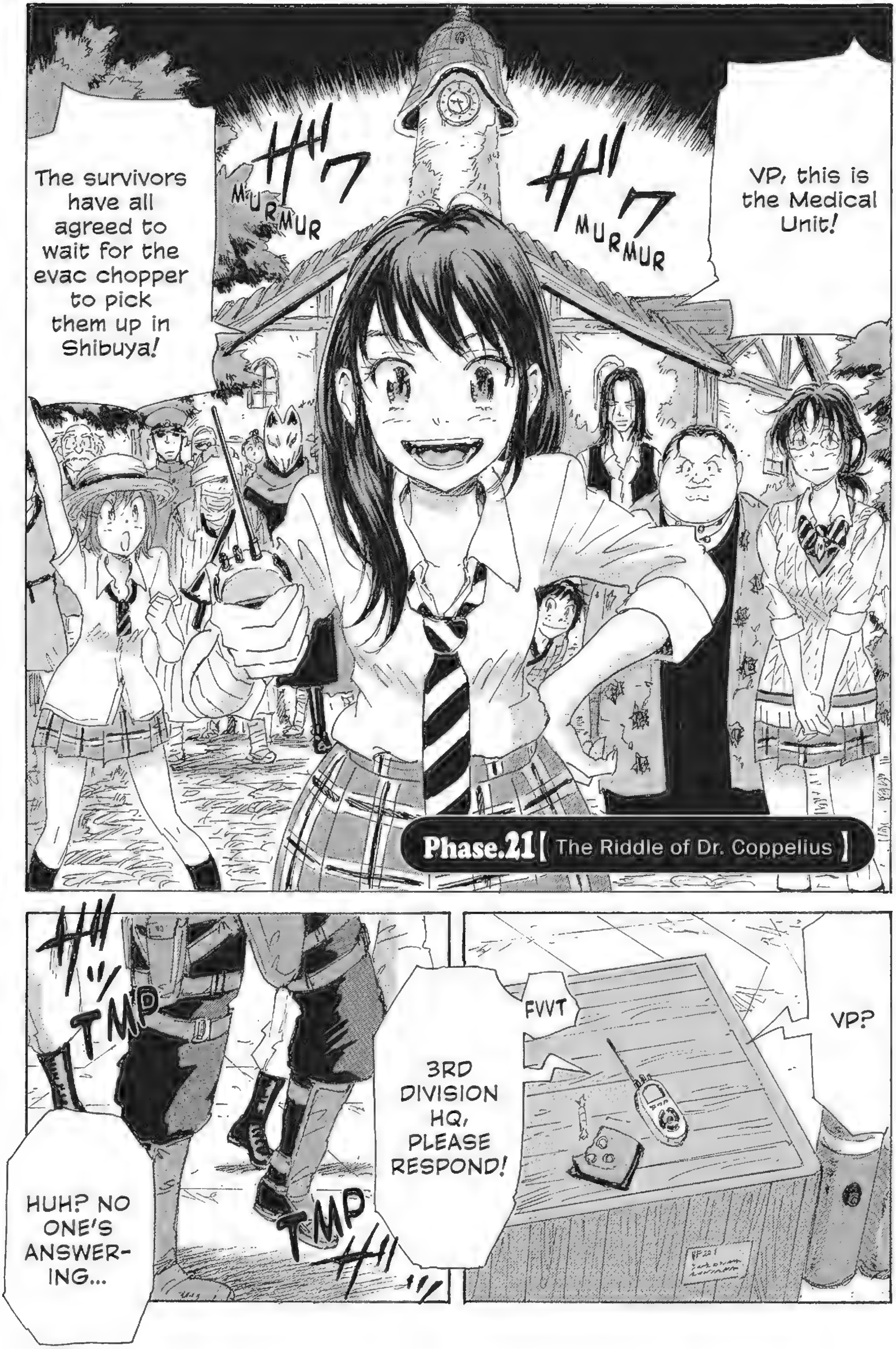

Vice Principal Mishima informed me of the situation.
It's my turn to help, now.
THERE'S A SPEAKER THAT CAN BE HEARD THROUGH ALL OF SHELTER 109...
WOULD YOU CONNECT THE RADIO TO IT FOR ME?
BEEP GSSH
IT'S ME, EVERYONE.


That voice...
It's Dr. Shiba!
Oh...!
The doctor, he's all right!
Please listen.
It was I who built your underground paradise.
AND IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THE BLAME FOR THAT DREADFUL MELTDOWN...
...I LIVED BENEATH TOKYO FOR 20 LONG YEARS.
淀
I regret hiding.
But now...
YOU SEE, THE WORLD OUTSIDE...
...IS NOT SUCH A TERRIFYING PLACE AS I HAD IMAGINED.

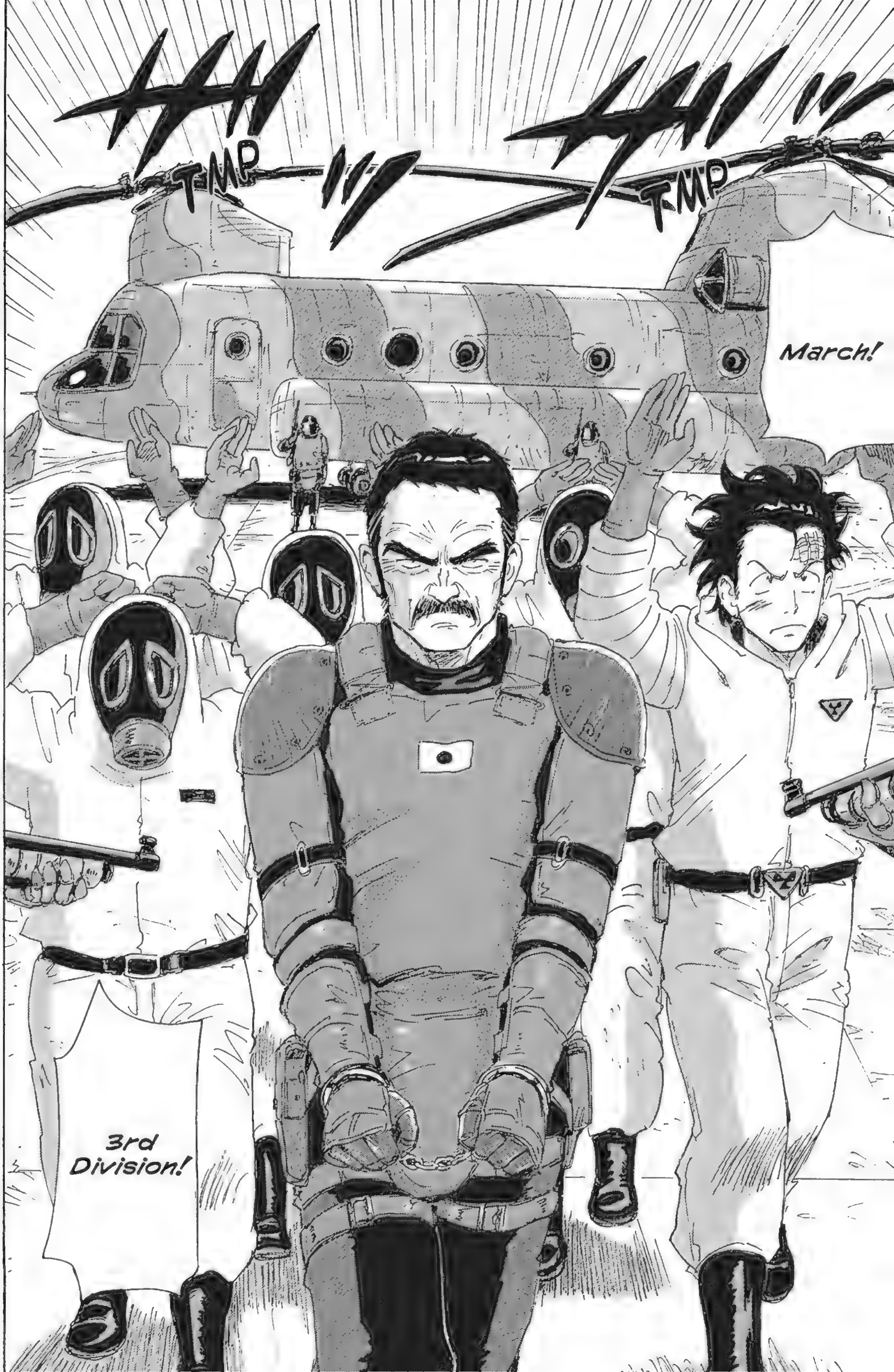

Come up here, all of you.
And we'll build a new paradise, beneath a real sun!
I—
Ibara, look!
The survivors are coming this way!

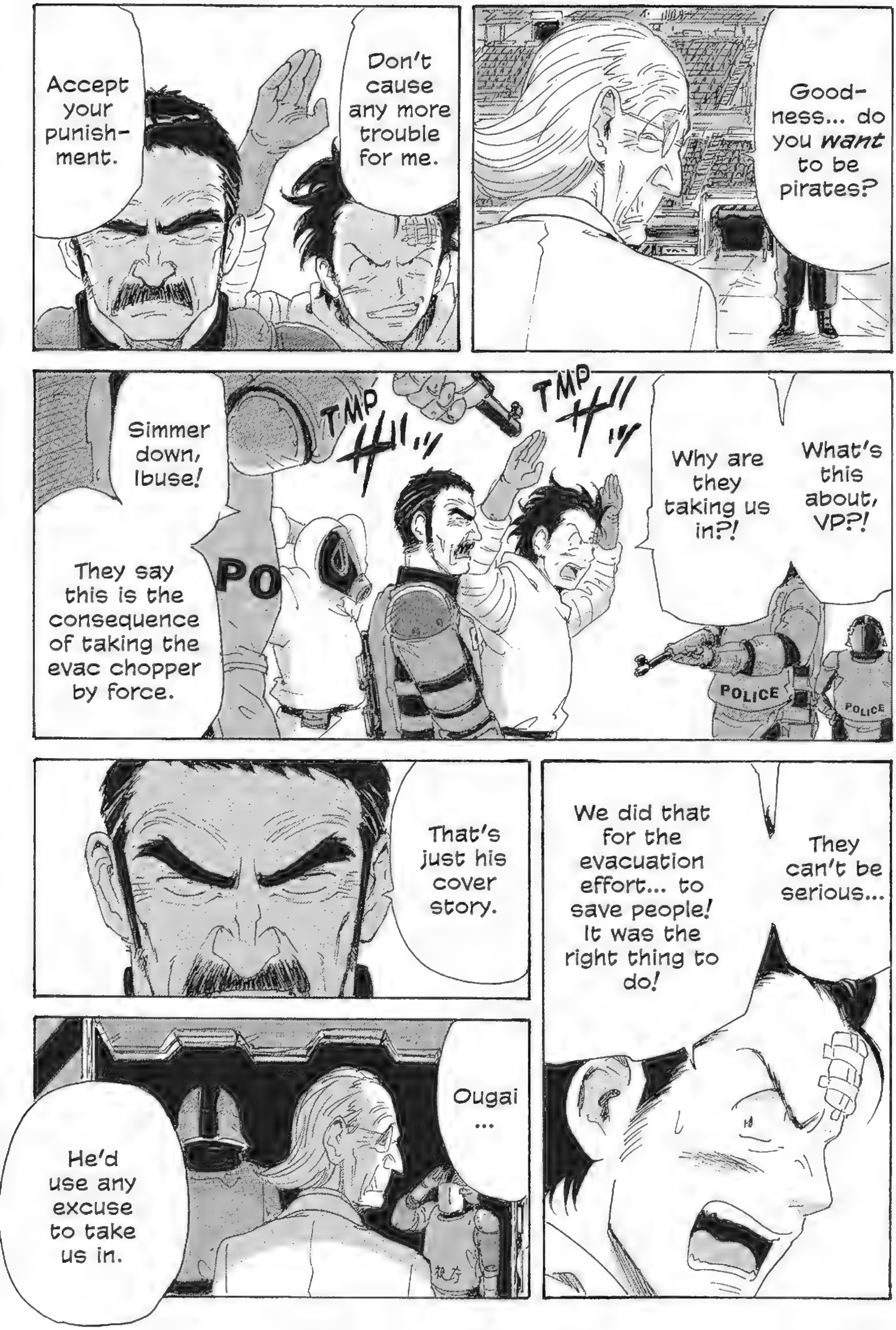

Ibara...
VMM
FWUP
FWUP
All right, you lot!
We're back in business!
RAHHH

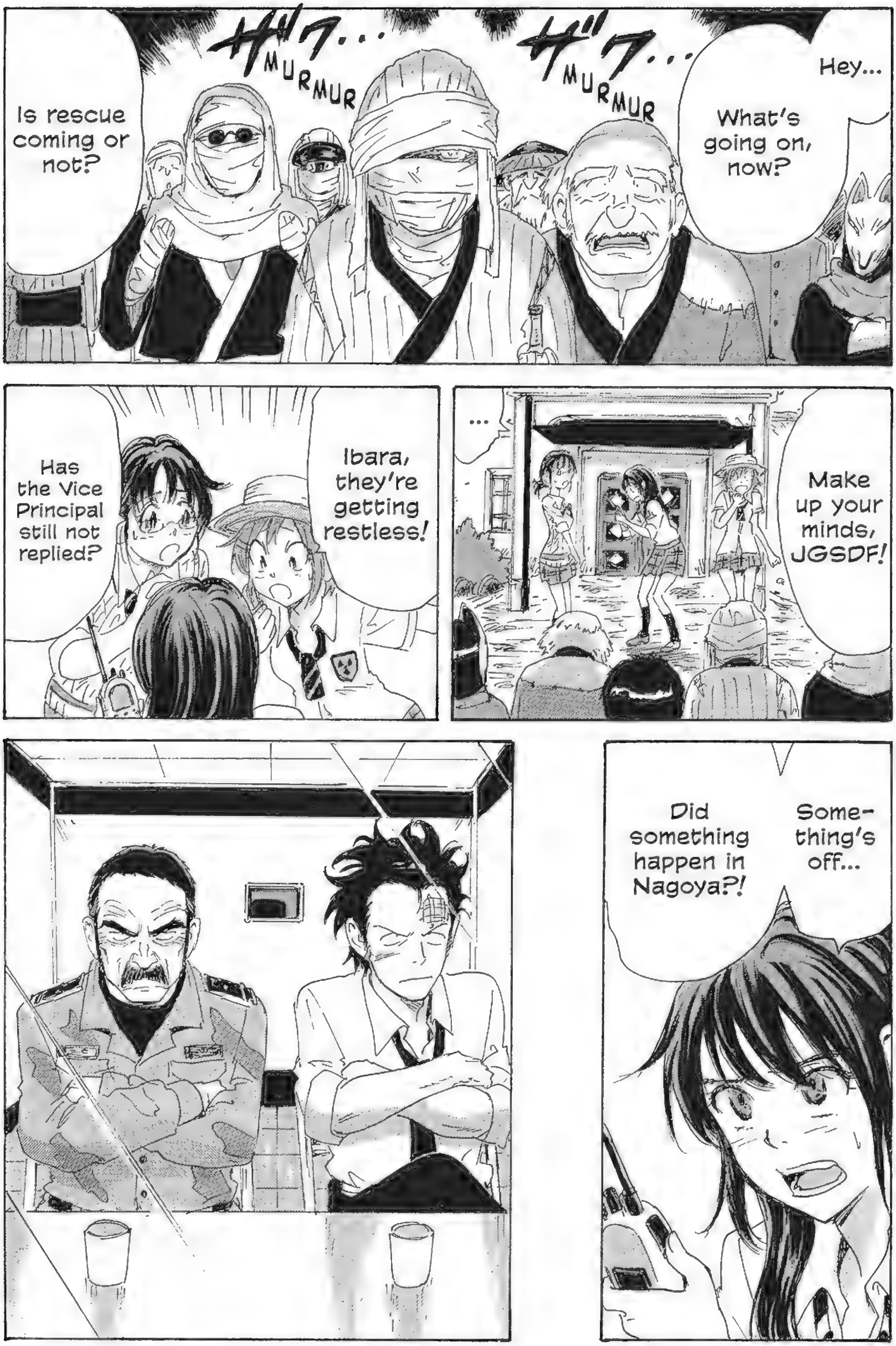

Now let's get this bird in the air!
?!
CEASE ENGINES AT ONCE.
VICE PRINCIPAL MISHIMA.
FWUP
FWUP
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
WE'RE TAKING YOU INTO CUSTODY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.
P-20 END

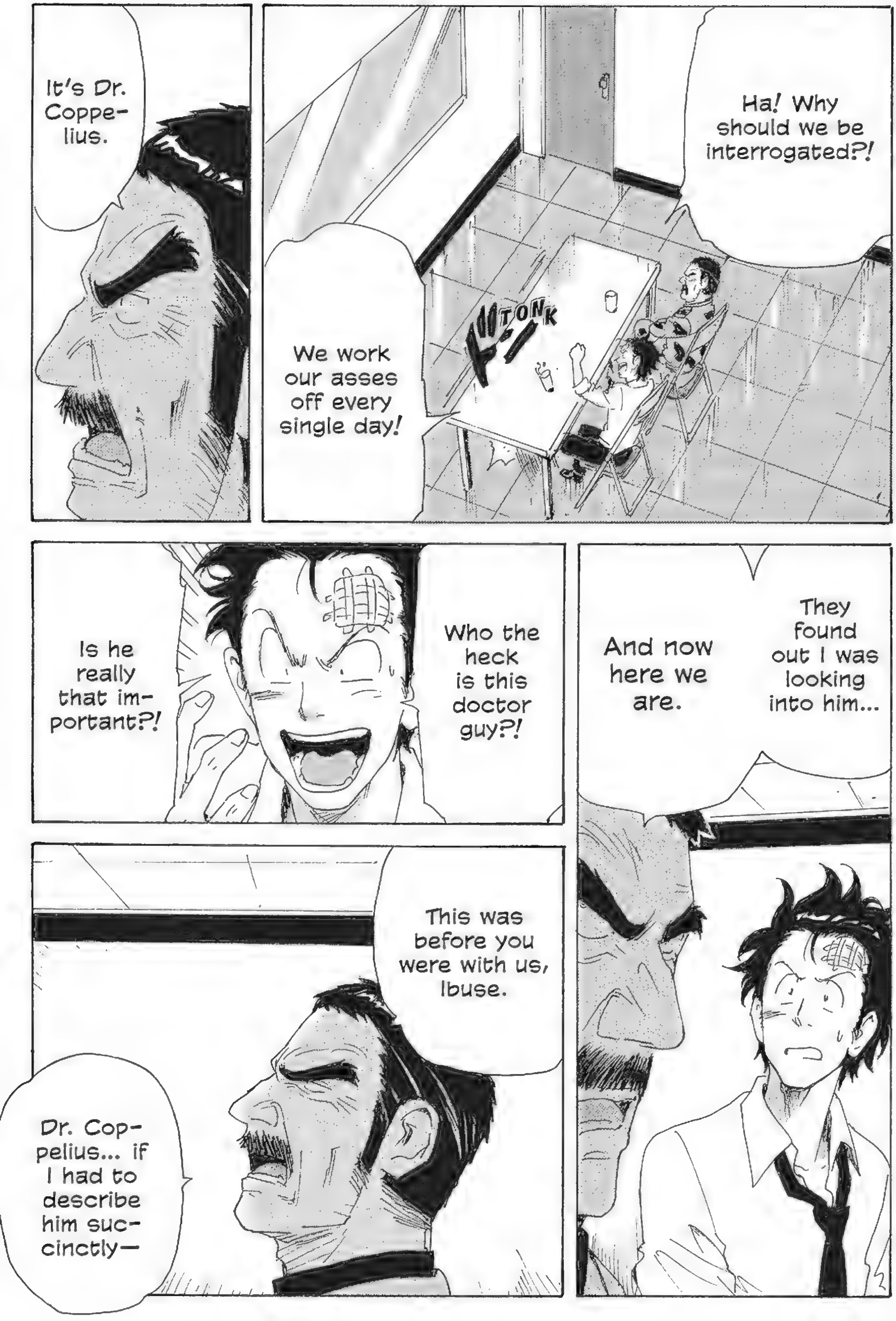

VP, this is the Medical Unit!
ザワ MURMUR
ザワ MURMUR
The survivors have all agreed to wait for the evac chopper to pick them up in Shibuya!
VP?
FVVT
3RD DIVISION HQ, PLEASE RESPOND!
TMP
TMP
HUH? NO ONE'S ANSWERING...

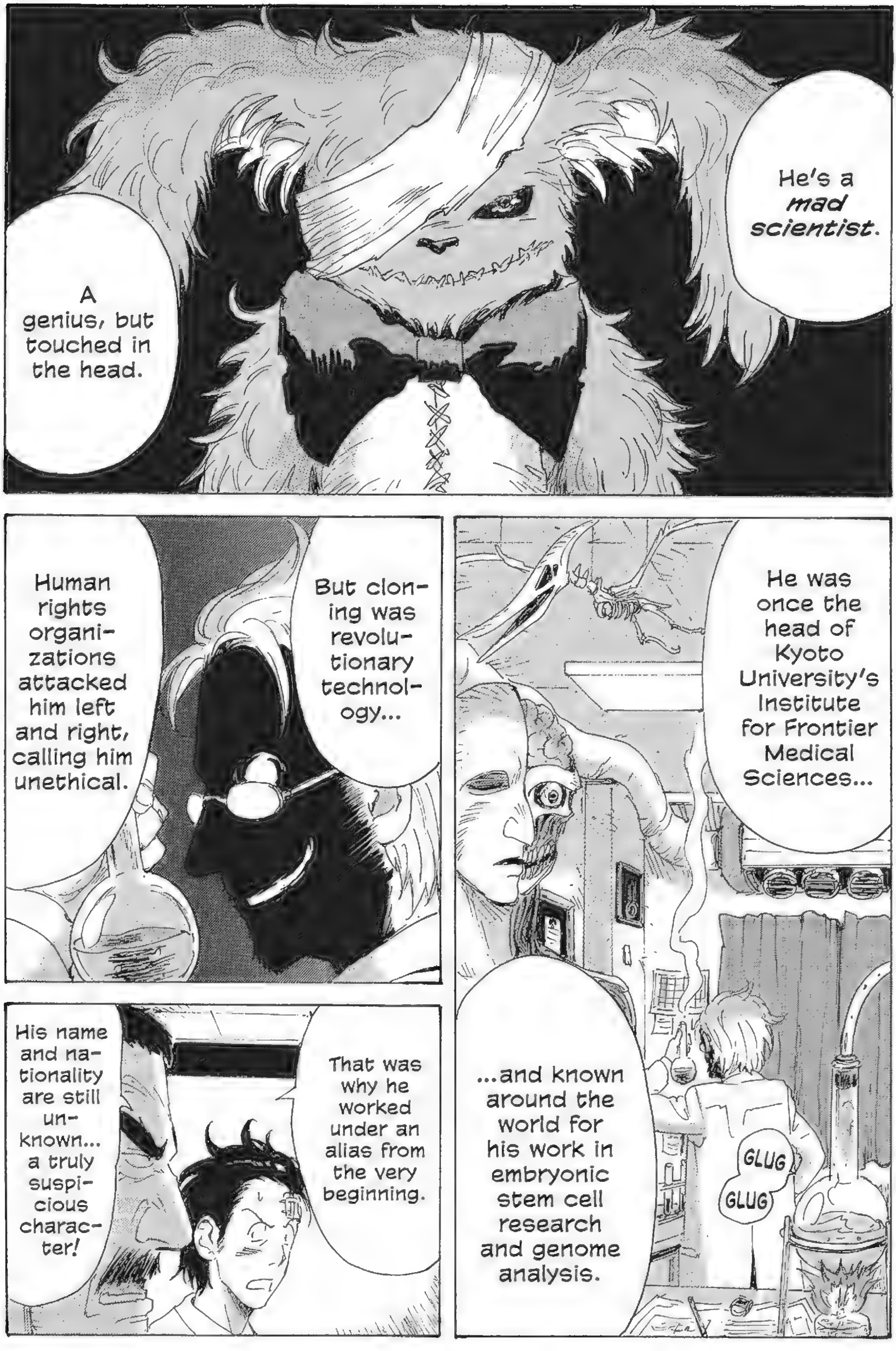
Phase.21 [The Riddle of Dr. Coppelius]

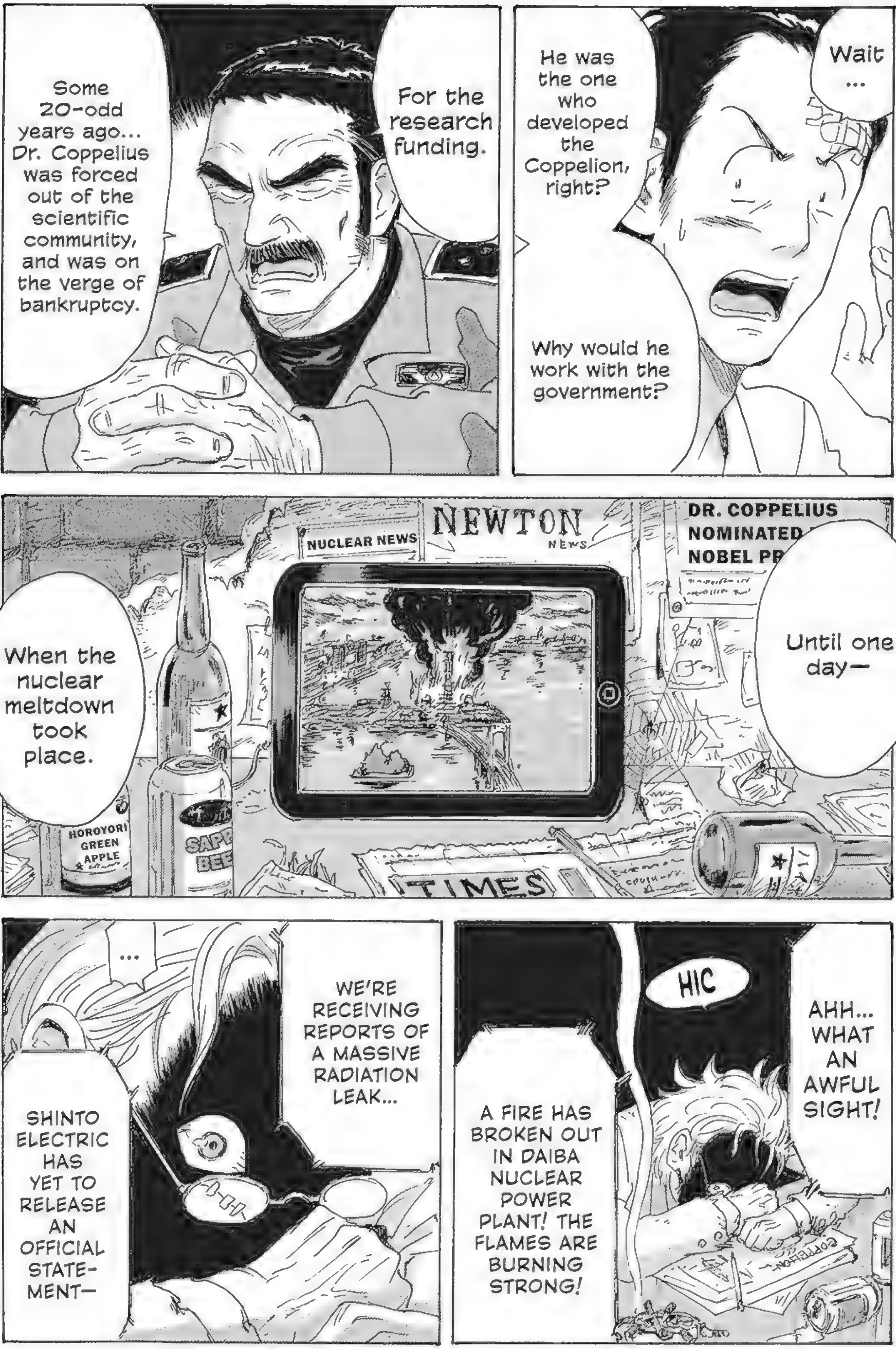

TMP
TMP
March!
3rd Division!


Goodness... do you *want* to be pirates?
Don't cause any more trouble for me.
Accept your punishment.
What's this about, VP?!
Why are they taking us in?!
TMP
TMP
Simmer down, Ibuse!
They say this is the consequence of taking the evac chopper by force.
PO
POLICE
POLICE
They can't be serious...
We did that for the evacuation effort... to save people! It was the right thing to do!
That's just his cover story.
Ougai...
He'd use any excuse to take us in.


Hey...
What's going on, now?
ザワ... MURMUR
ザワ... MURMUR
Is rescue coming or not?
Make up your minds, JGSDF!
...
Ibara, they're getting restless!
Has the Vice Principal still not replied?
Something's off...
Did something happen in Nagoya?!


Ha! Why should we be interrogated?!
We work our asses off every single day!
TONK
It's Dr. Coppelius.
They found out I was looking into him...
And now here we are.
Who the heck is this doctor guy?!
Is he really that important?!
This was before you were with us, Ibuse.
Dr. Coppelius... if I had to describe him succinctly—


He's a *mad scientist*.
A genius, but touched in the head.
He was once the head of Kyoto University's Institute for Frontier Medical Sciences...
...and known around the world for his work in embryonic stem cell research and genome analysis.
GLUG
GLUG
But cloning was revolutionary technology...
Human rights organizations attacked him left and right, calling him unethical.
That was why he worked under an alias from the very beginning.
His name and nationality are still unknown... a truly suspicious character!


Wait ...
He was the one who developed the Coppelion, right?
Why would he work with the government?
For the research funding.
Some 20-odd years ago... Dr. Coppelius was forced out of the scientific community, and was on the verge of bankruptcy.
DR. COPPELIUS NOMINATED NOBEL PR
NEWTON NEWS
NUCLEAR NEWS
Until one day—
When the nuclear meltdown took place.
HOROYORI GREEN APPLE
SAPP BEE
TIMES
AHH... WHAT AN AWFUL SIGHT!
HIC
A FIRE HAS BROKEN OUT IN DAIBA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT! THE FLAMES ARE BURNING STRONG!
WE'RE RECEIVING REPORTS OF A MASSIVE RADIATION LEAK...
SHINTO ELECTRIC HAS YET TO RELEASE AN OFFICIAL STATE-MENT—
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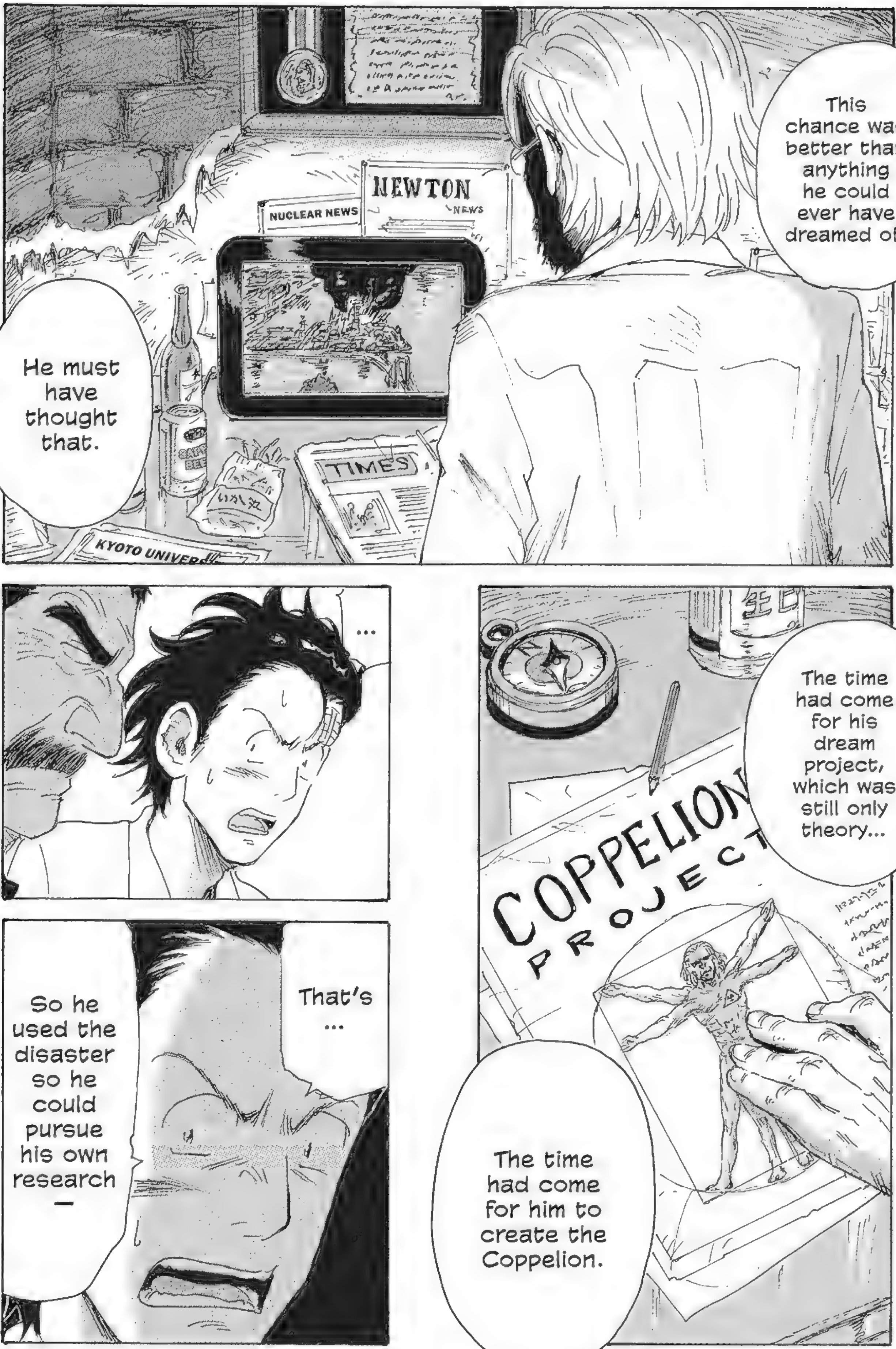
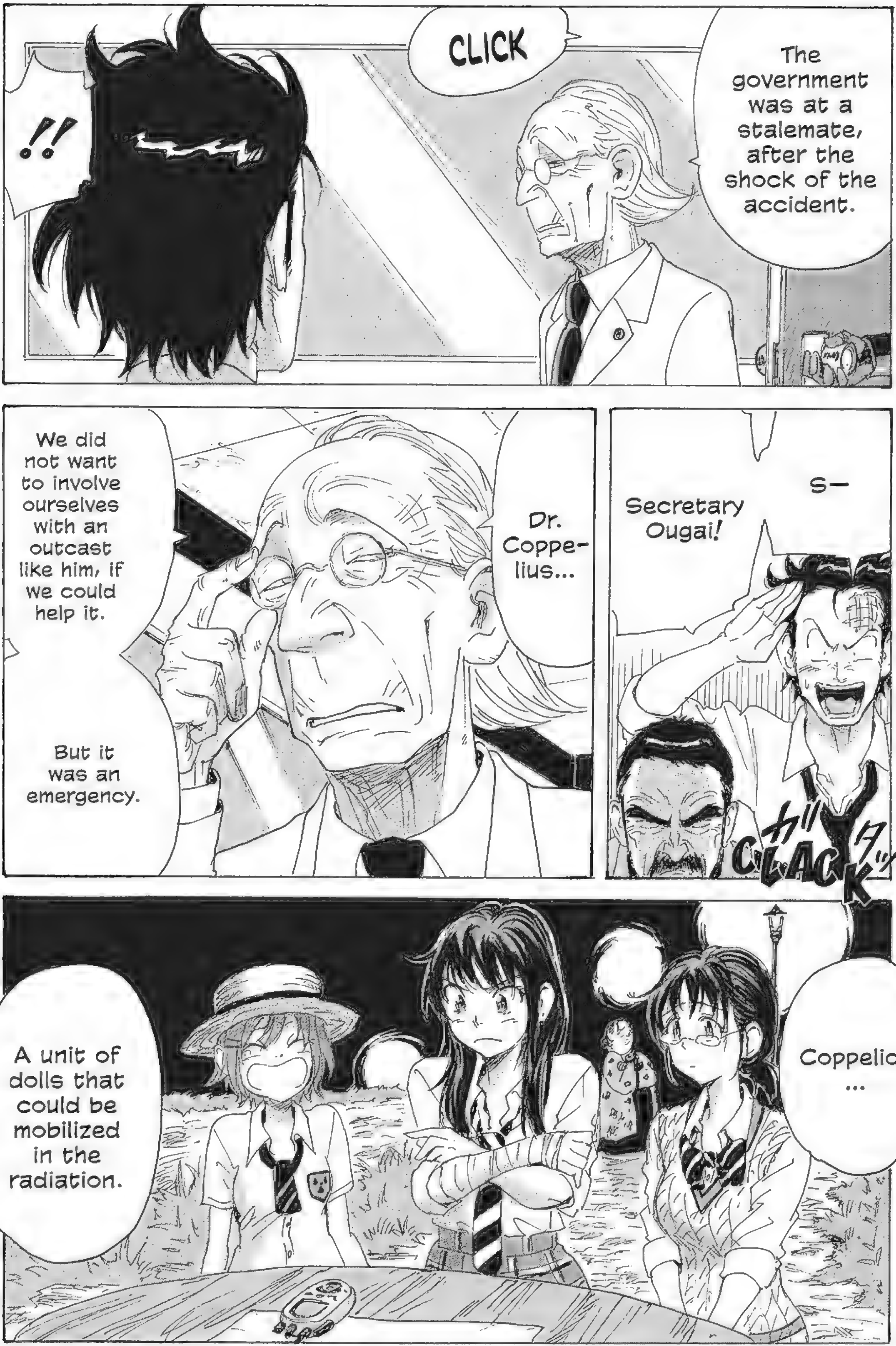
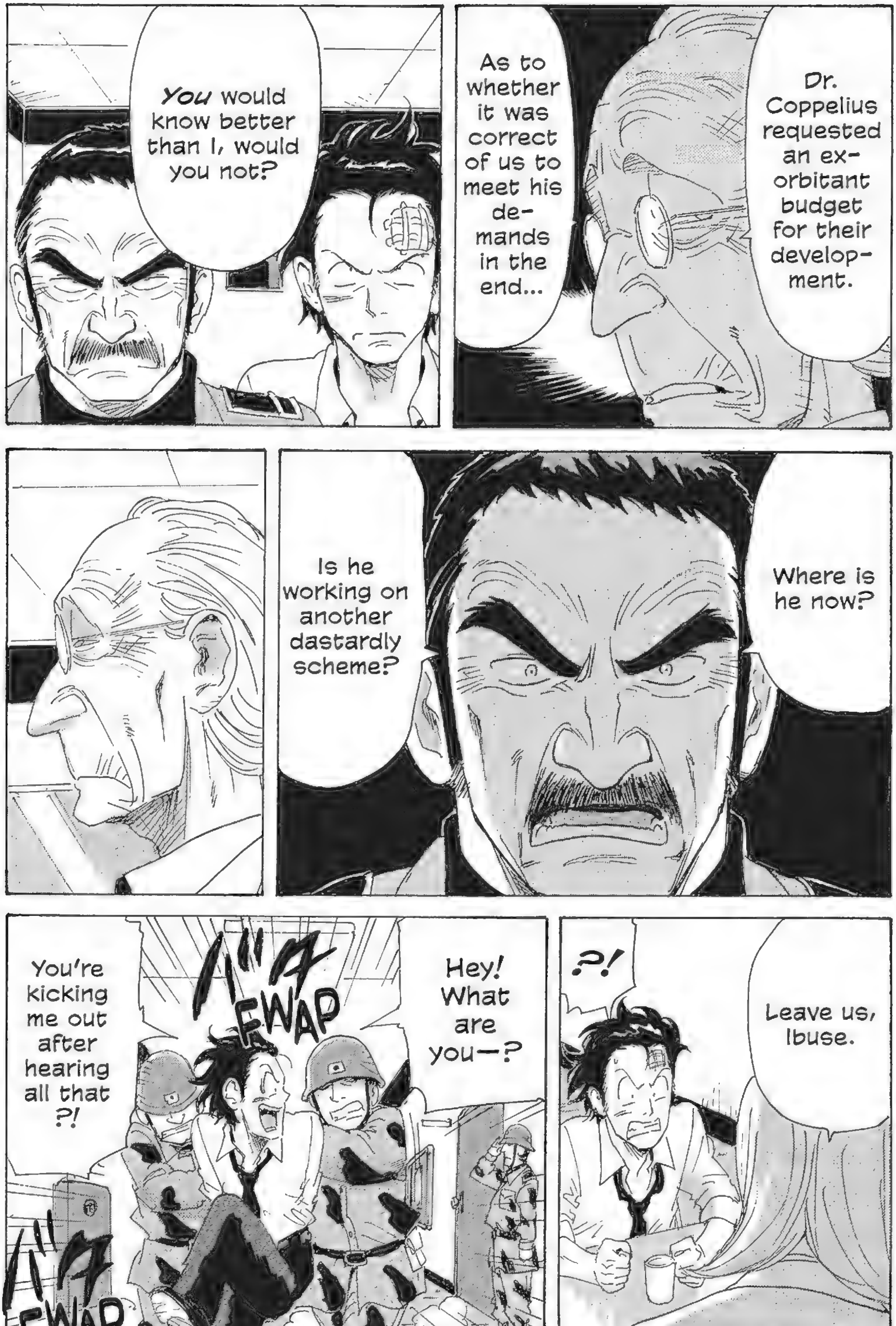
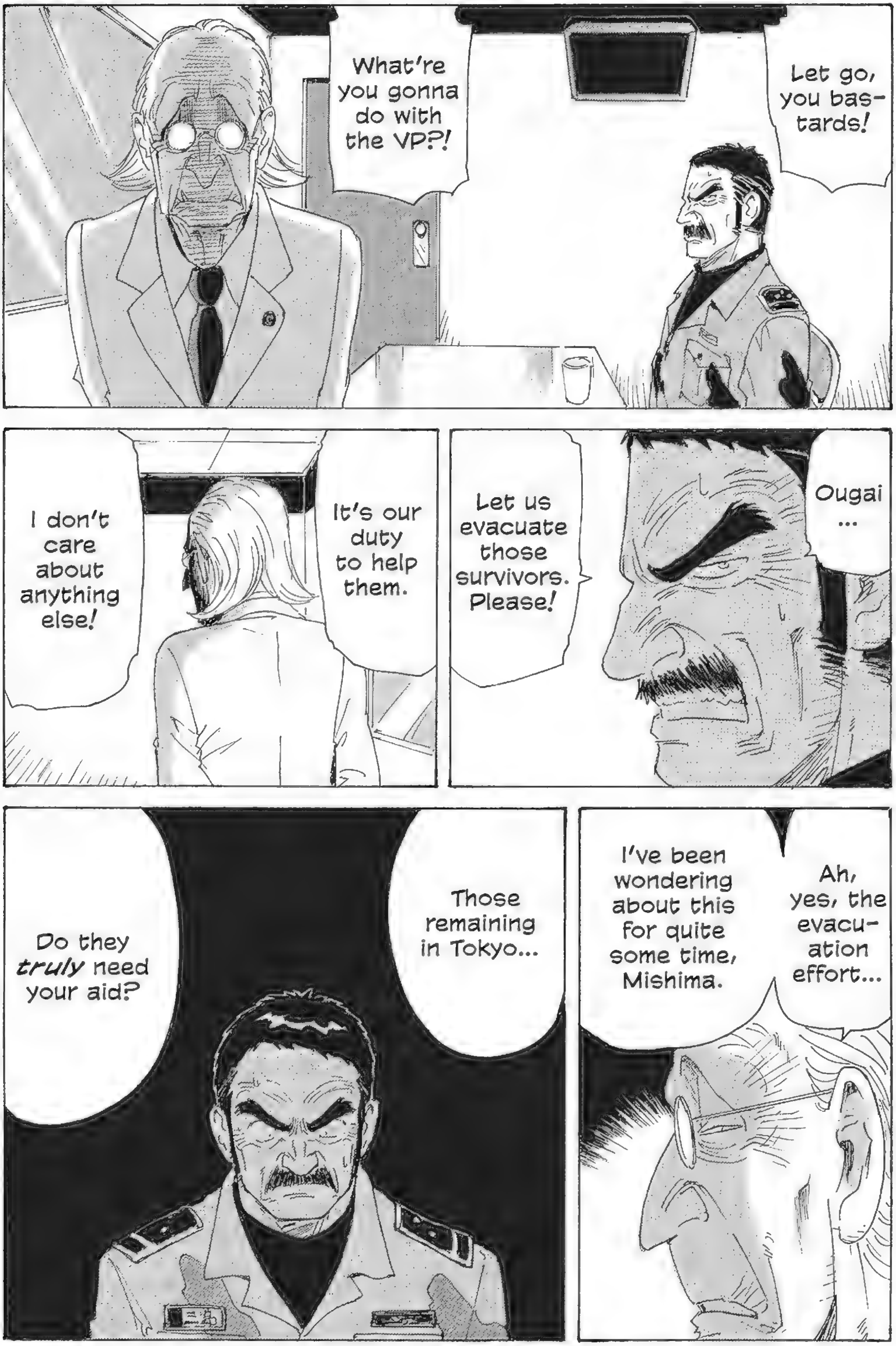
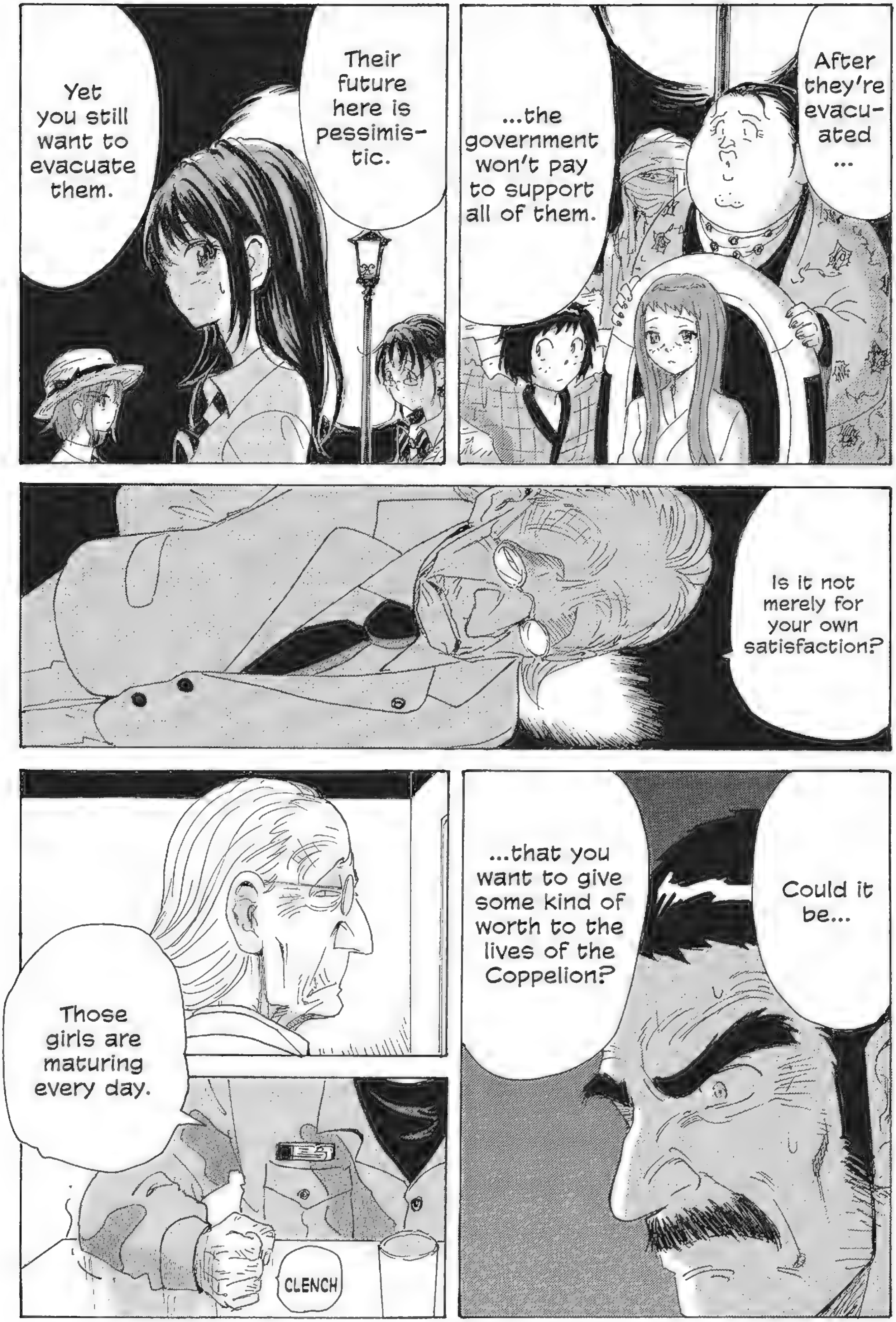
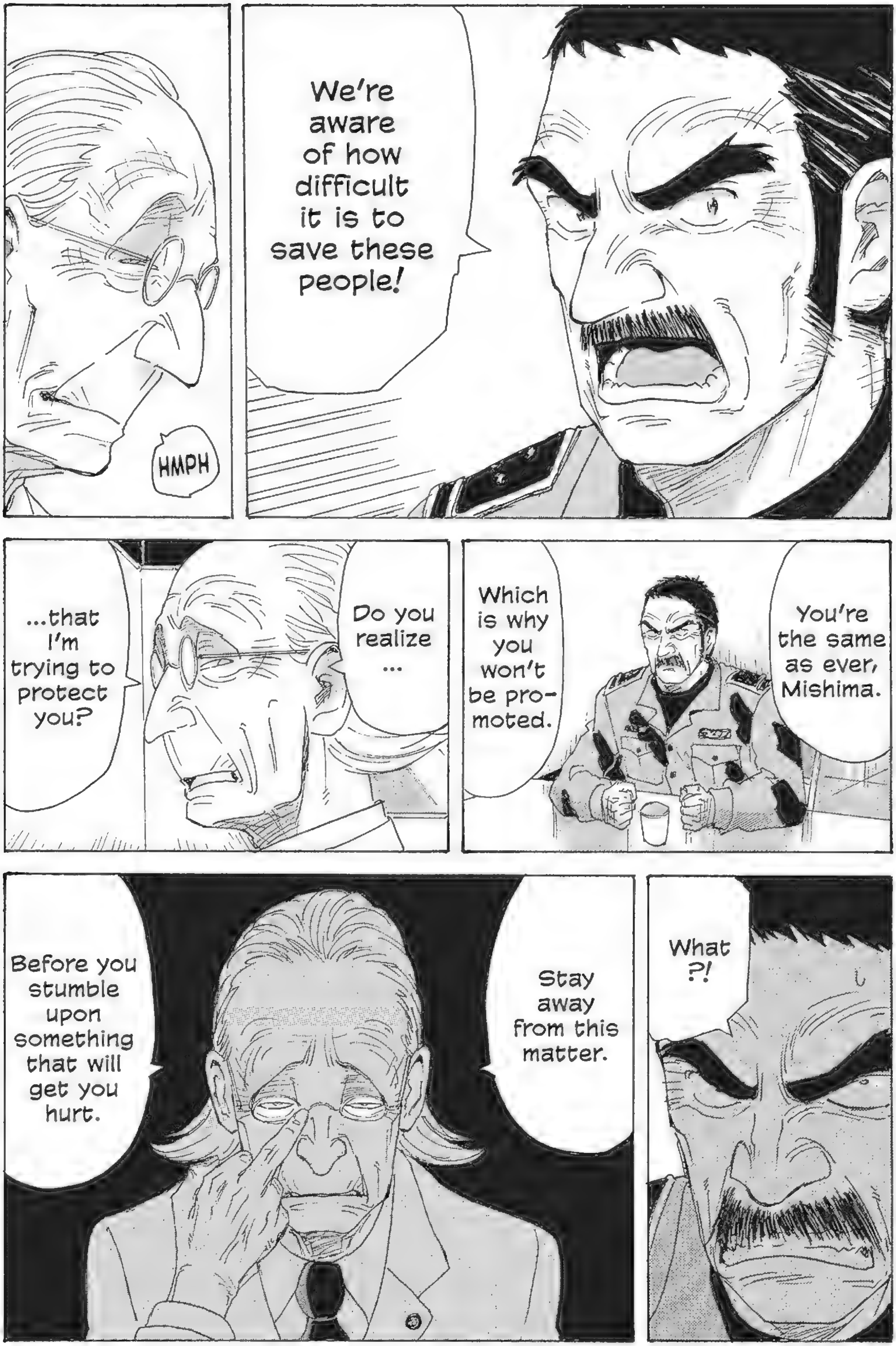

This chance was better than anything he could ever have dreamed of.
NEWTON
NEWS
NUCLEAR NEWS
He must have thought that.
TIMES
KYOTO UNIVERS
The time had come for his dream project, which was still only theory...
COPPELION PROJECT
The time had come for him to create the Coppelion.
...
That's ...
So he used the disaster so he could pursue his own research —

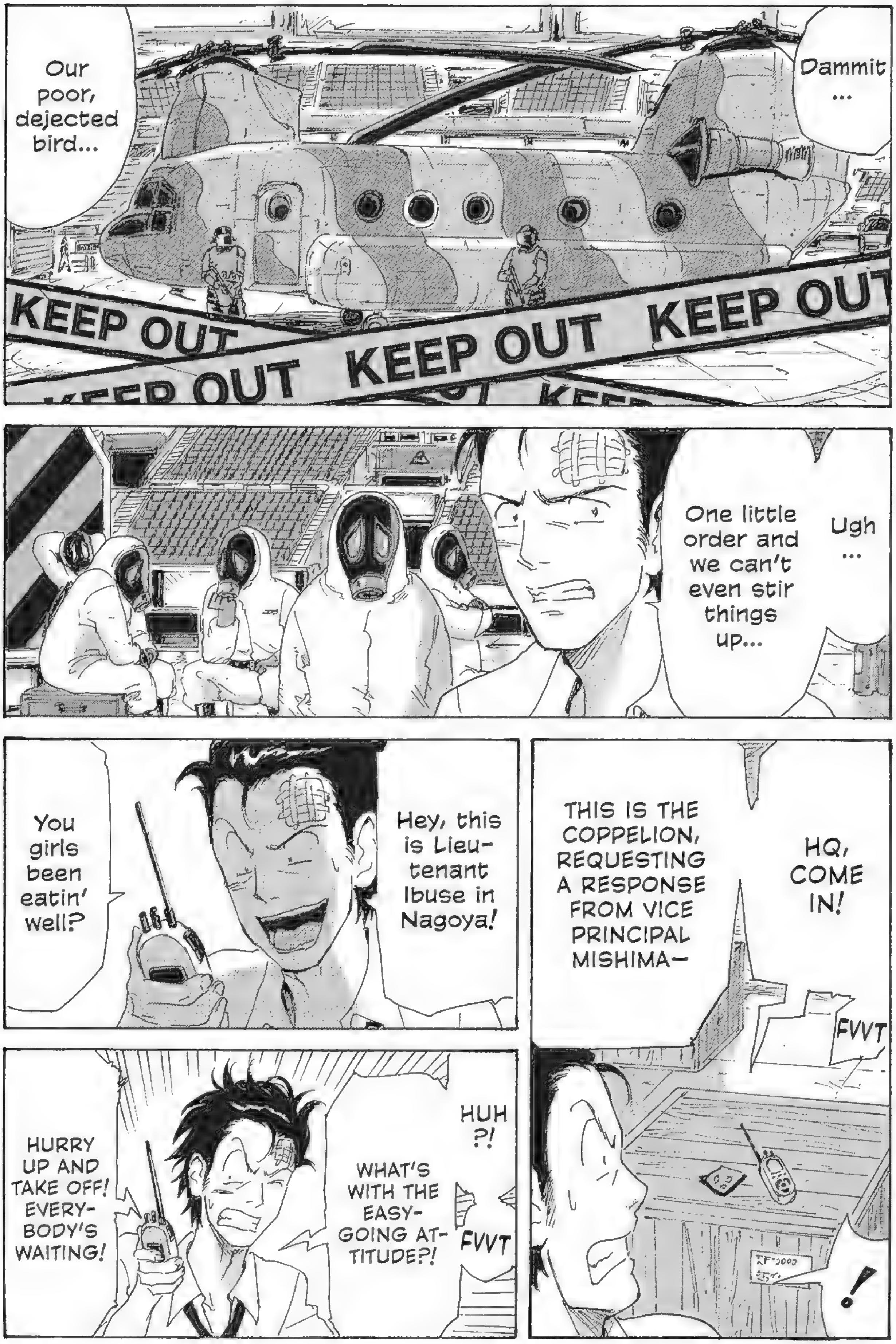

The government was at a stalemate, after the shock of the accident.
CLICK
!!
S—
Secretary Ougai!
ガタッ
CLACK
Dr. Coppelius...
We did not want to involve ourselves with an outcast like him, if we could help it.
But it was an emergency.
Coppelion ...
A unit of dolls that could be mobilized in the radiation.

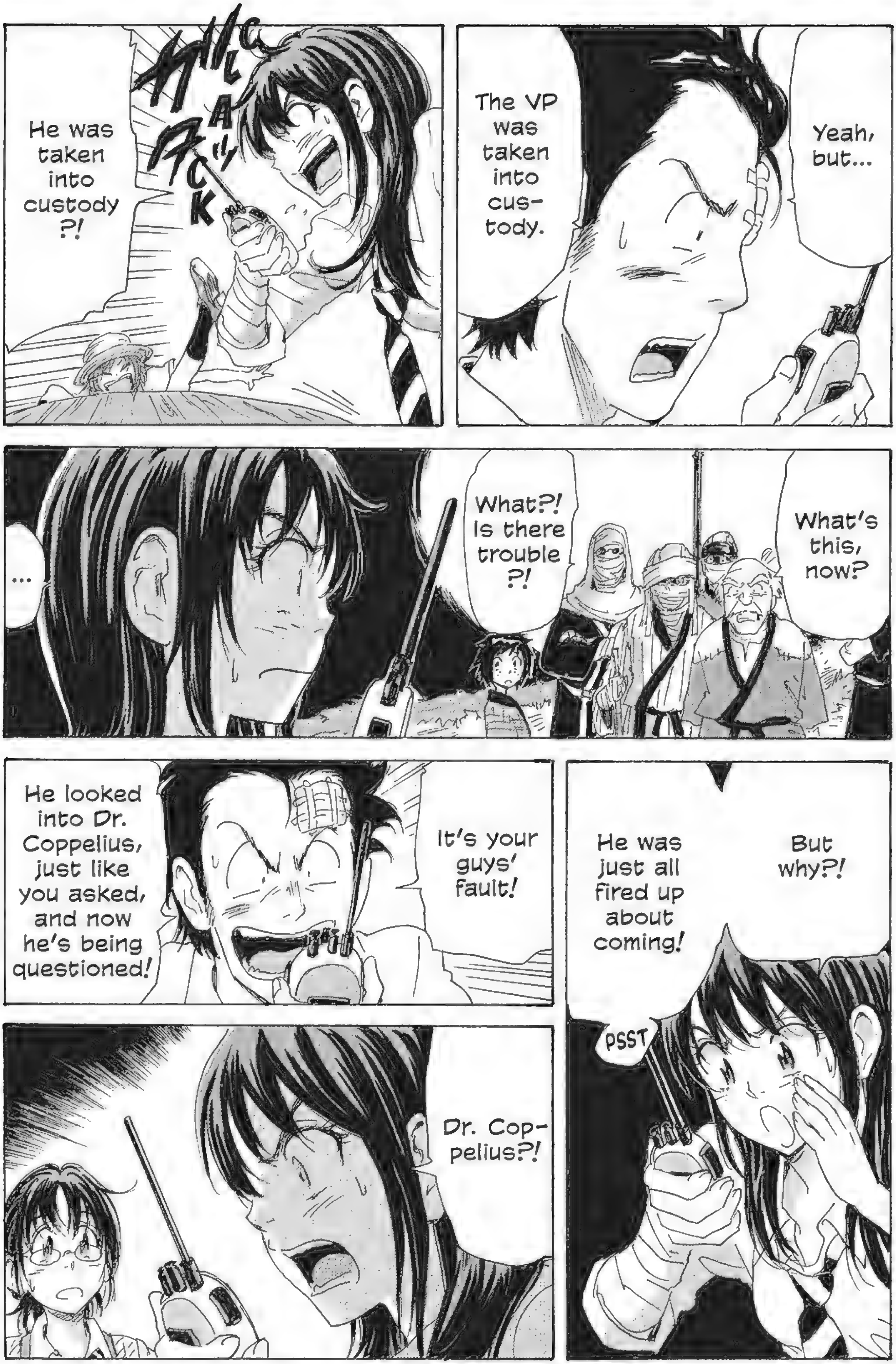

Dr. Coppelius requested an exorbitant budget for their development.
As to whether it was correct of us to meet his demands in the end...
You would know better than I, would you not?
Where is he now?
Is he working on another dastardly scheme?
Leave us, Ibuse.
?!
Hey! What are you—?
FWAP
You're kicking me out after hearing all that?!
FWAP

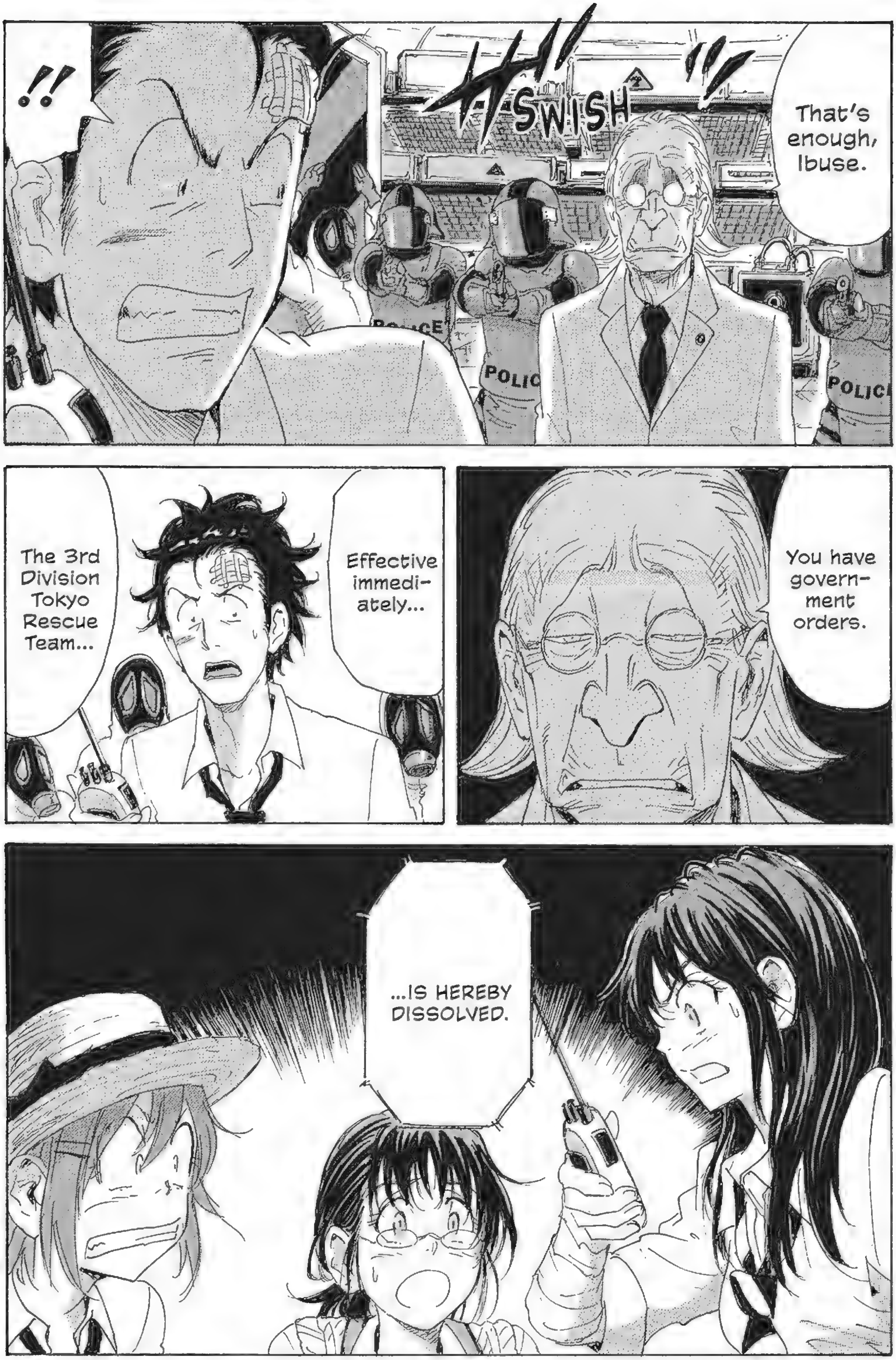

Let go, you bastards!
What're you gonna do with the VP?!
Ougai...
Let us evacuate those survivors. Please!
It's our duty to help them.
I don't care about anything else!
Ah, yes, the evacuation effort...
I've been wondering about this for quite some time, Mishima.
Those remaining in Tokyo...
Do they *truly* need your aid?

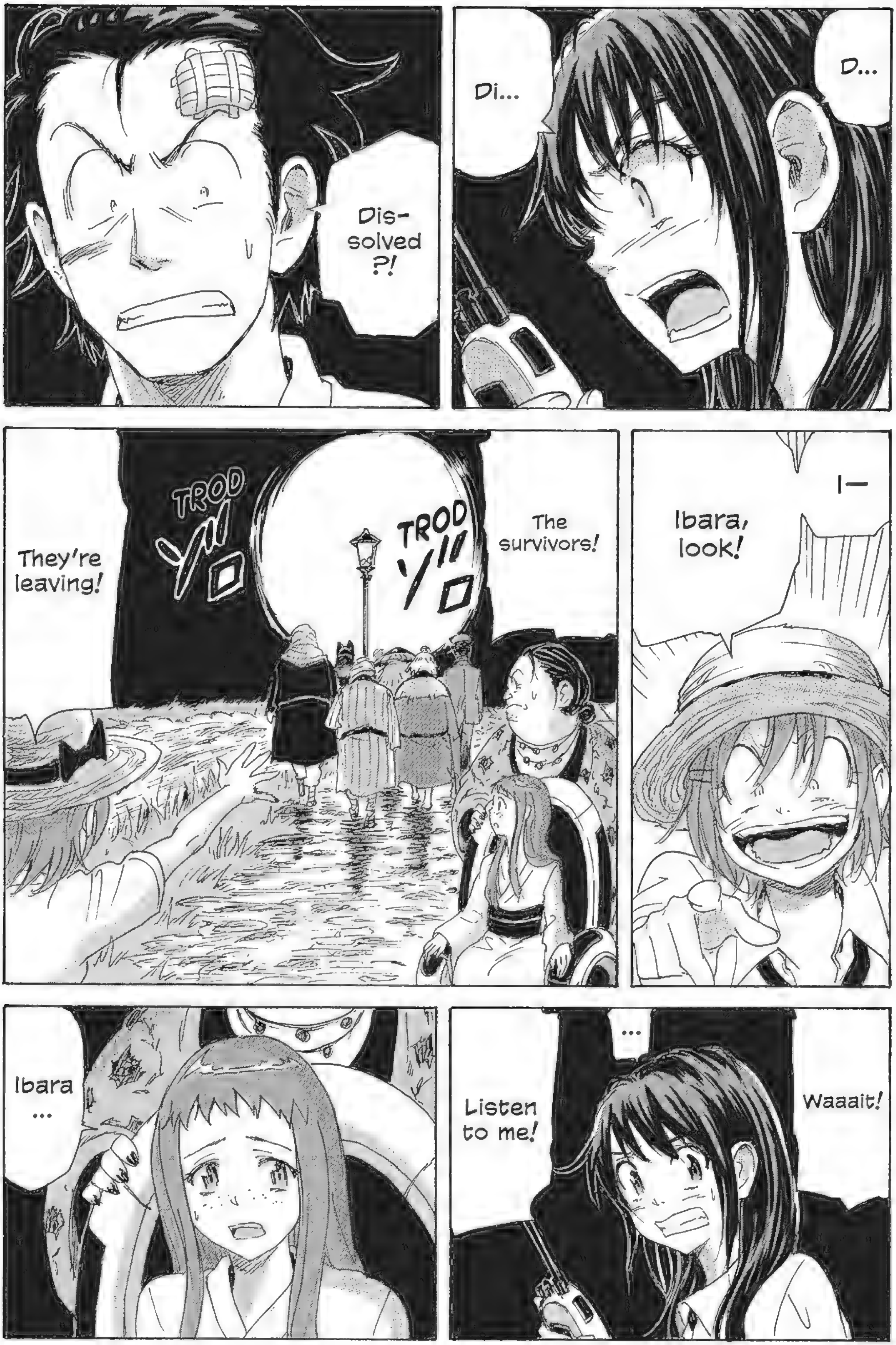

After they're evacuated...
...the government won't pay to support all of them.
Their future here is pessimistic.
Yet you still want to evacuate them.
Is it not merely for your own satisfaction?
Could it be...
...that you want to give some kind of worth to the lives of the Coppelion?
Those girls are maturing every day.
CLENCH

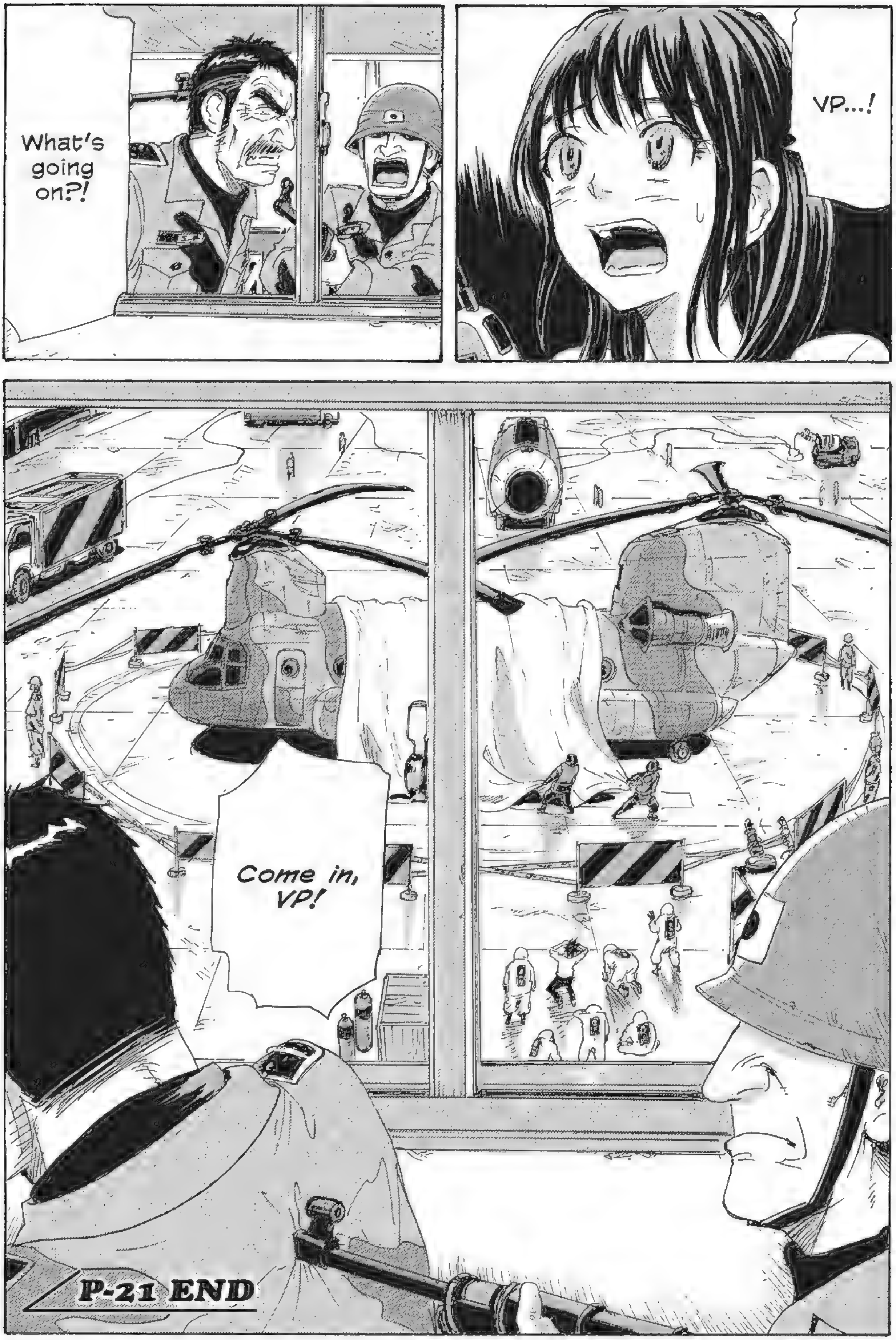

We're aware of how difficult it is to save these people!
HMPH
You're the same as ever, Mishima.
Which is why you won't be promoted.
Do you realize ...
...that I'm trying to protect you?
What?!
Stay away from this matter.
Before you stumble upon something that will get you hurt.

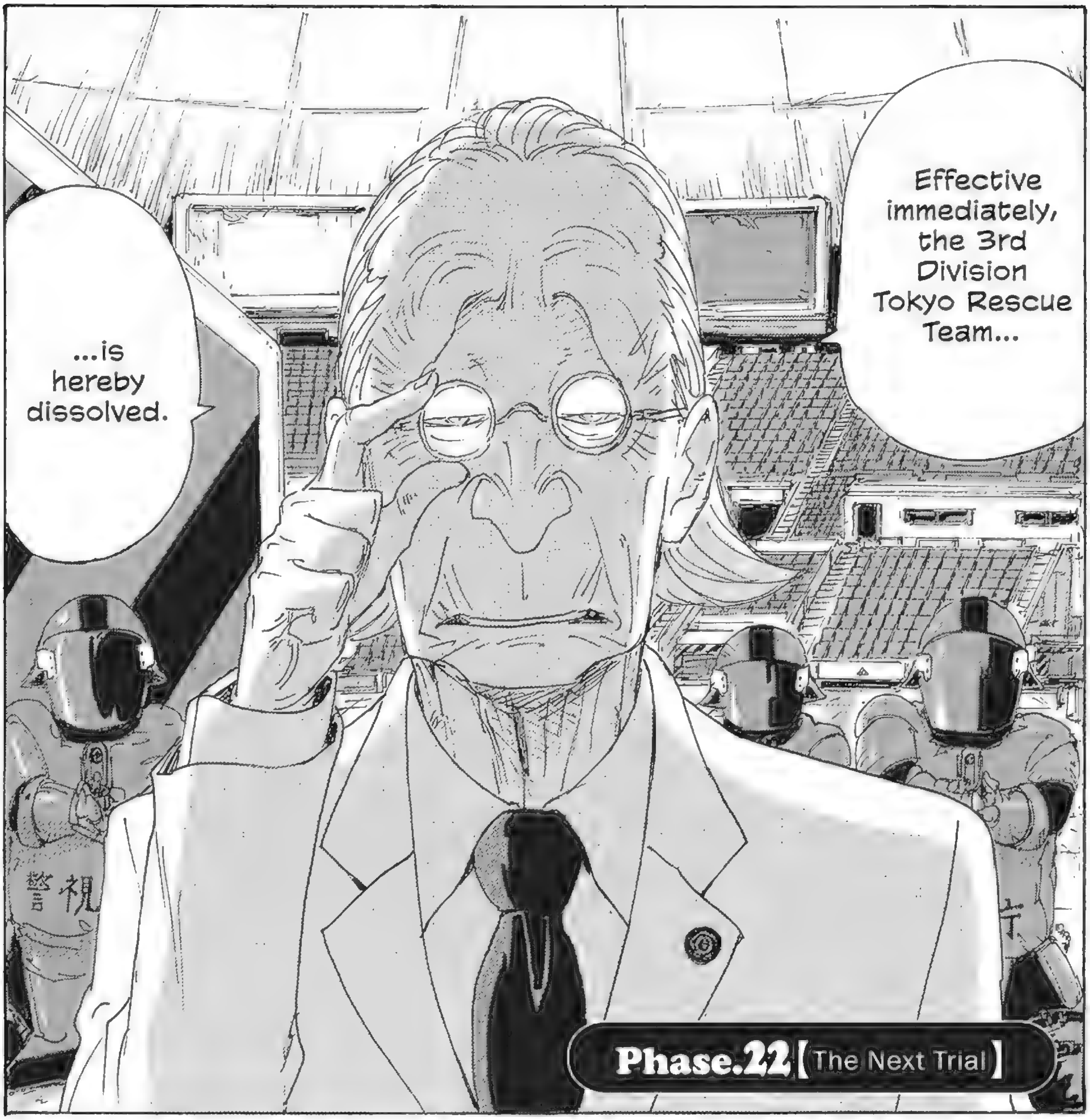

Dammit ...
Our poor, dejected bird...
KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT
Ugh ...
One little order and we can't even stir things up...
HQ, COME IN!
THIS IS THE COPPELION, REQUESTING A RESPONSE FROM VICE PRINCIPAL MISHIMA—
Hey, this is Lieutenant Ibuse in Nagoya!
You girls been eatin' well?
FVVT
!
HUH ?!
WHAT'S WITH THE EASY-GOING ATTITUDE?!
FVVT
HURRY UP AND TAKE OFF! EVERYBODY'S WAITING!


Yeah, but...
The VP was taken into custody.
He was taken into custody?!
CLACK
What's this, now?
What?! Is there trouble?!
...
But why?!
He was just all fired up about coming!
PSST
It's your guys' fault!
He looked into Dr. Coppelius, just like you asked, and now he's being questioned!
Dr. Coppelius?!


That's enough, Ibuse.
SWISH
!!
You have government orders.
Effective immediately...
The 3rd Division Tokyo Rescue Team...
...IS HEREBY DISSOLVED.


D...
Di...
Dis-solved?!
I—
Ibara, look!
TROD
The survivors!
TROD
They're leaving!
Waaait!
...
Listen to me!
Ibara ...


VP...!
What's going on?!
Come in, VP!
P-21 END


Effective immediately, the 3rd Division Tokyo Rescue Team...
...is hereby dissolved.
警視
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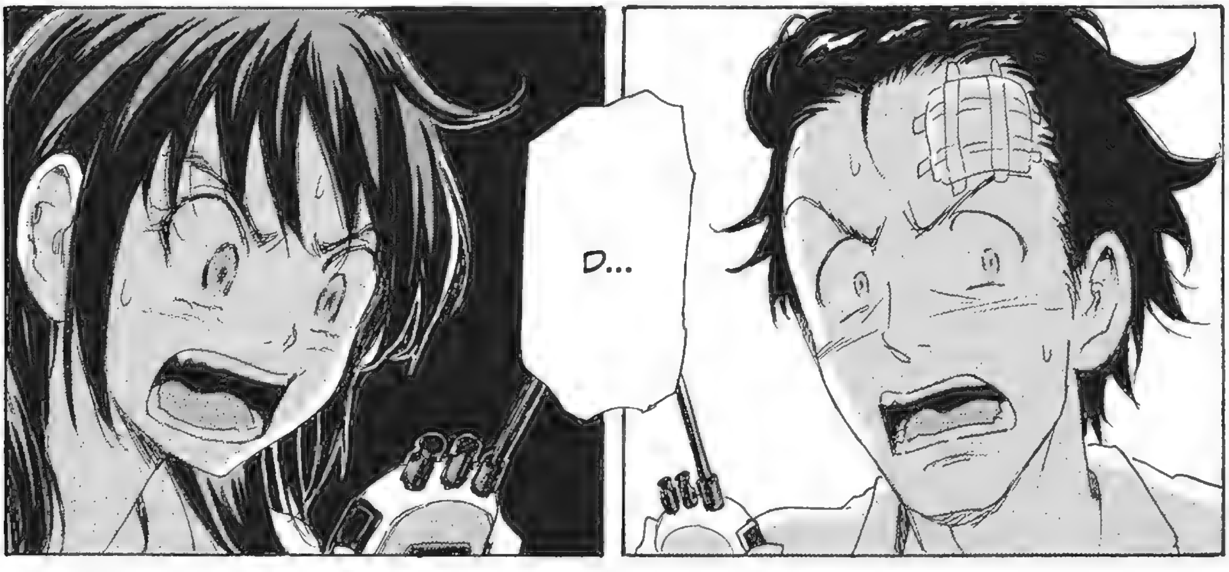
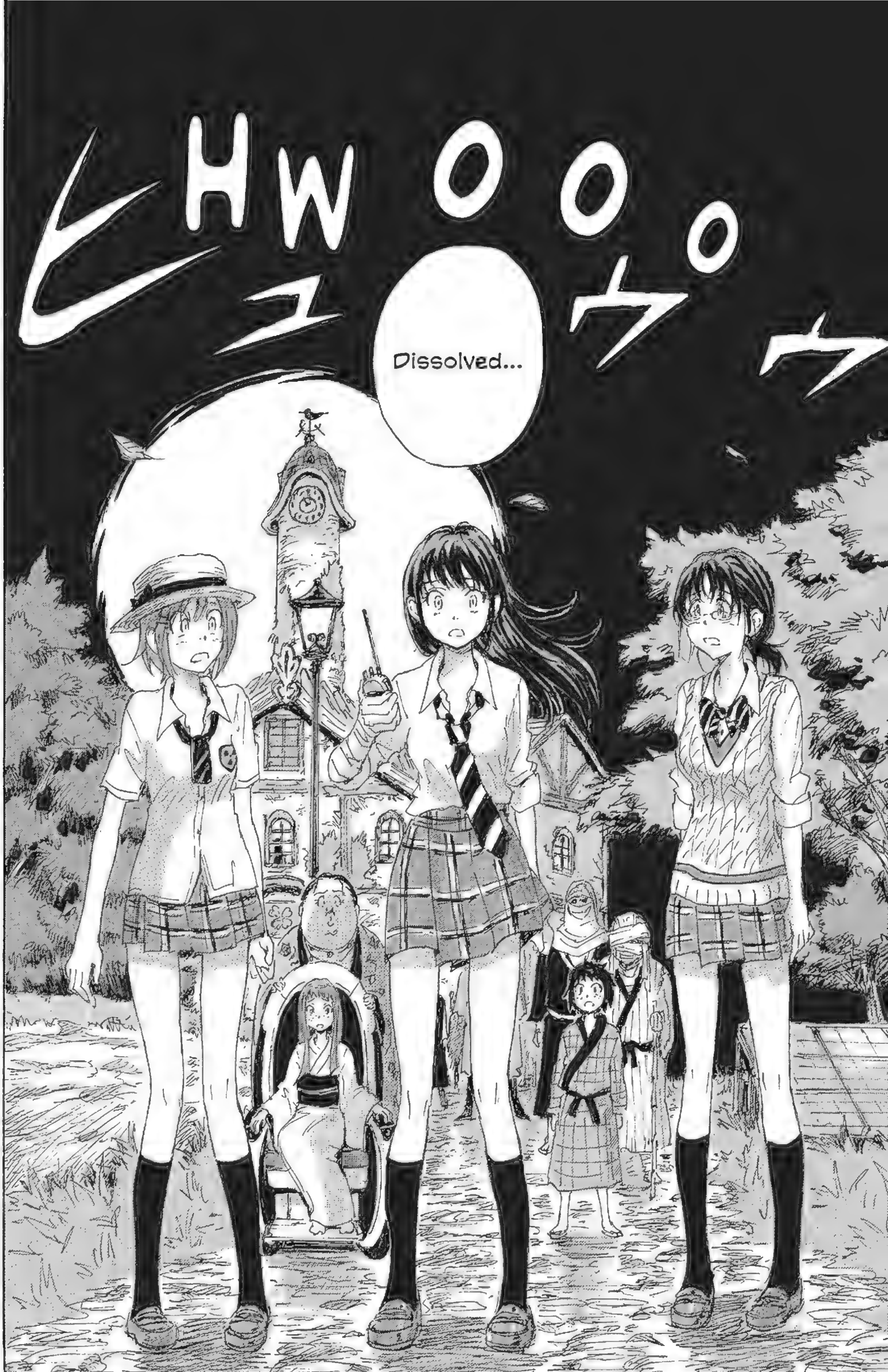
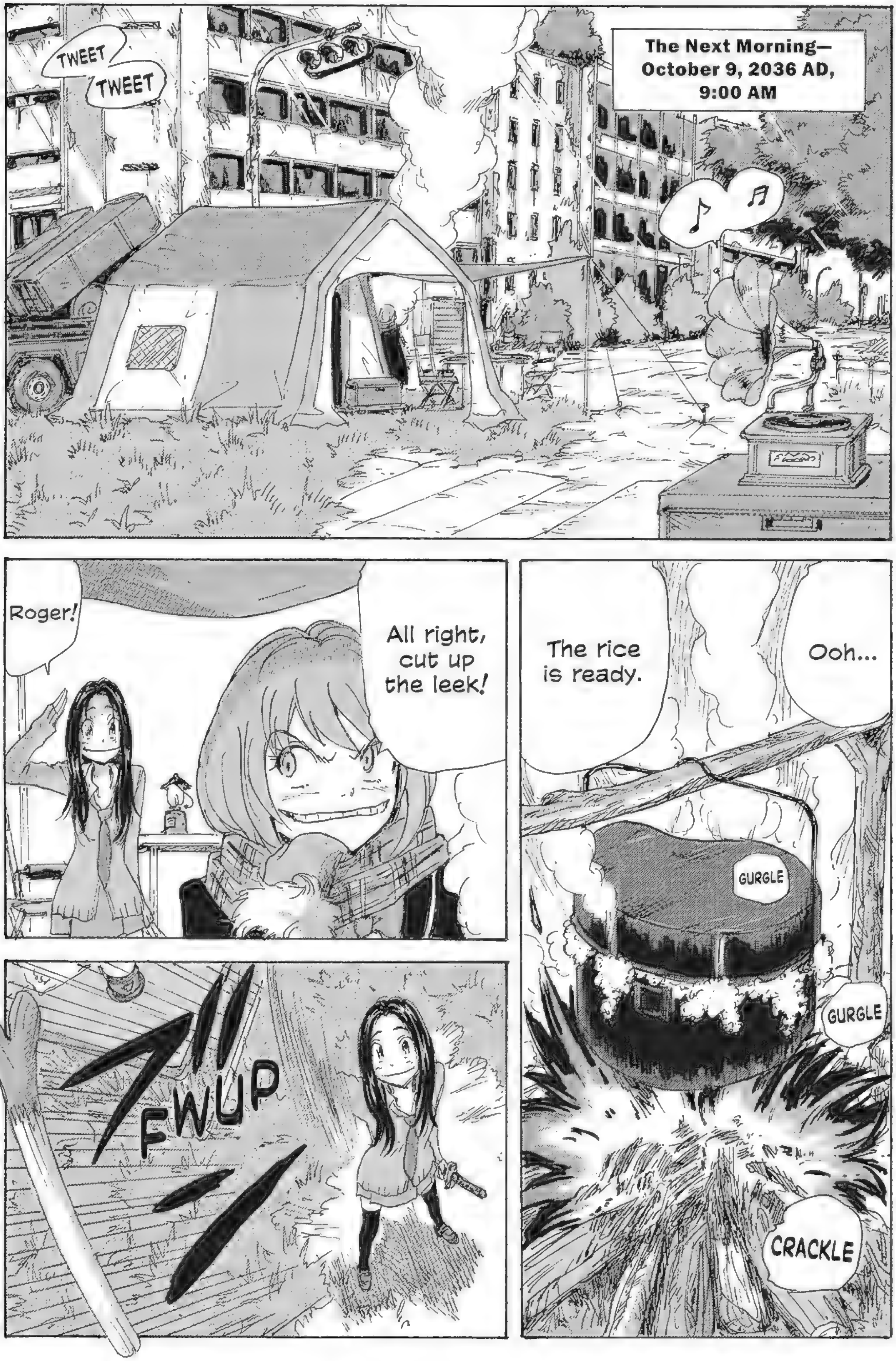
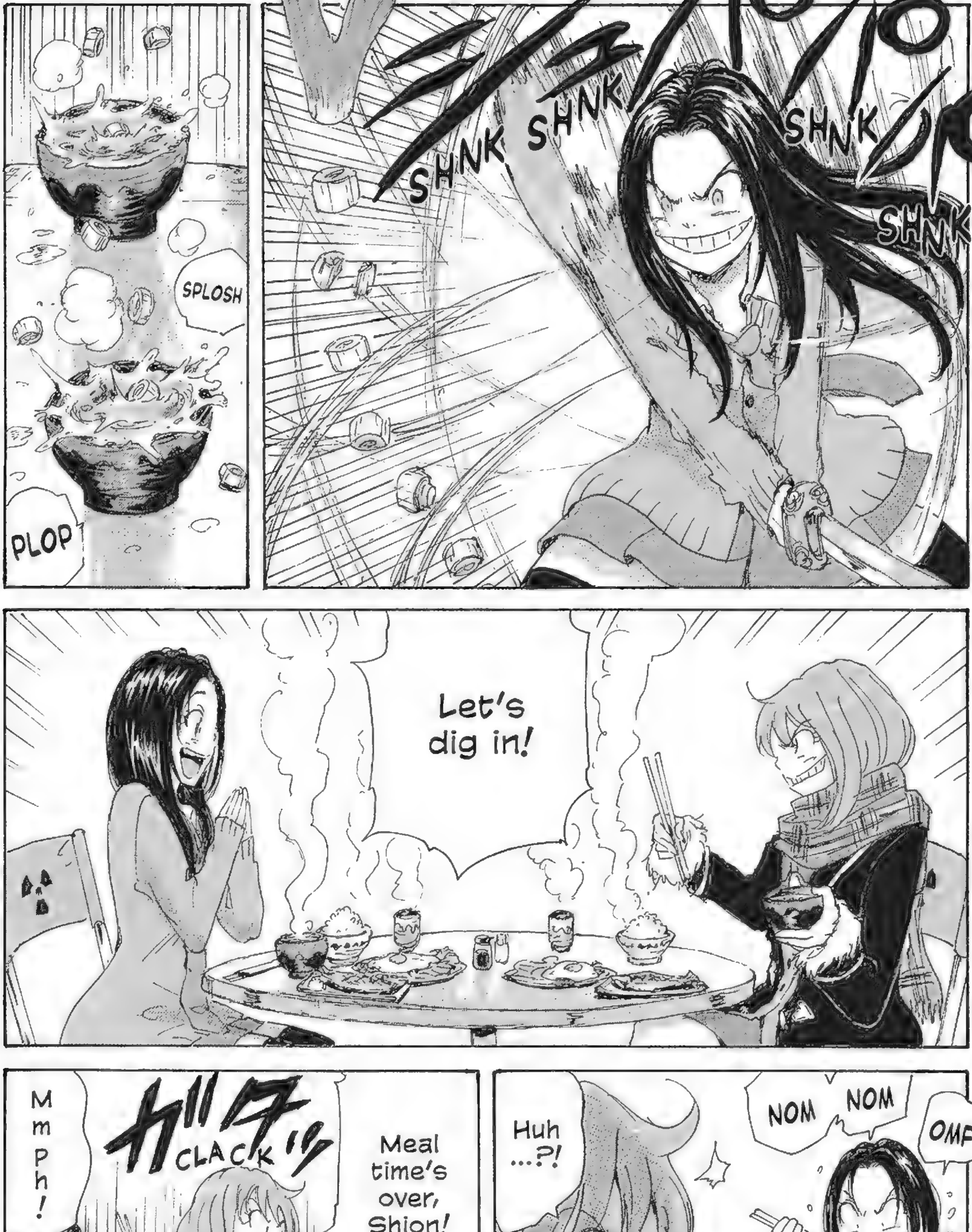
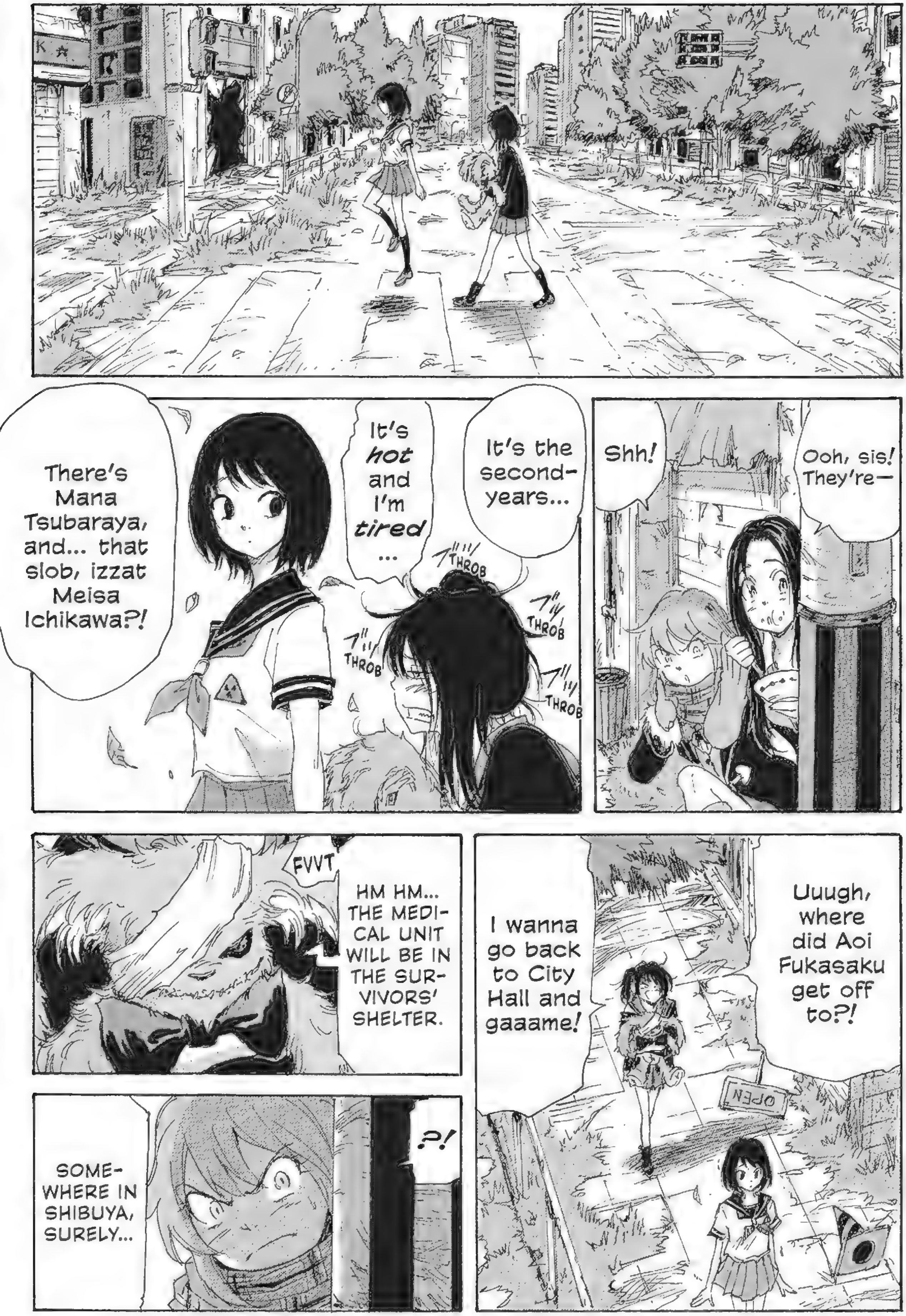
Phase.22【The Next Trial】

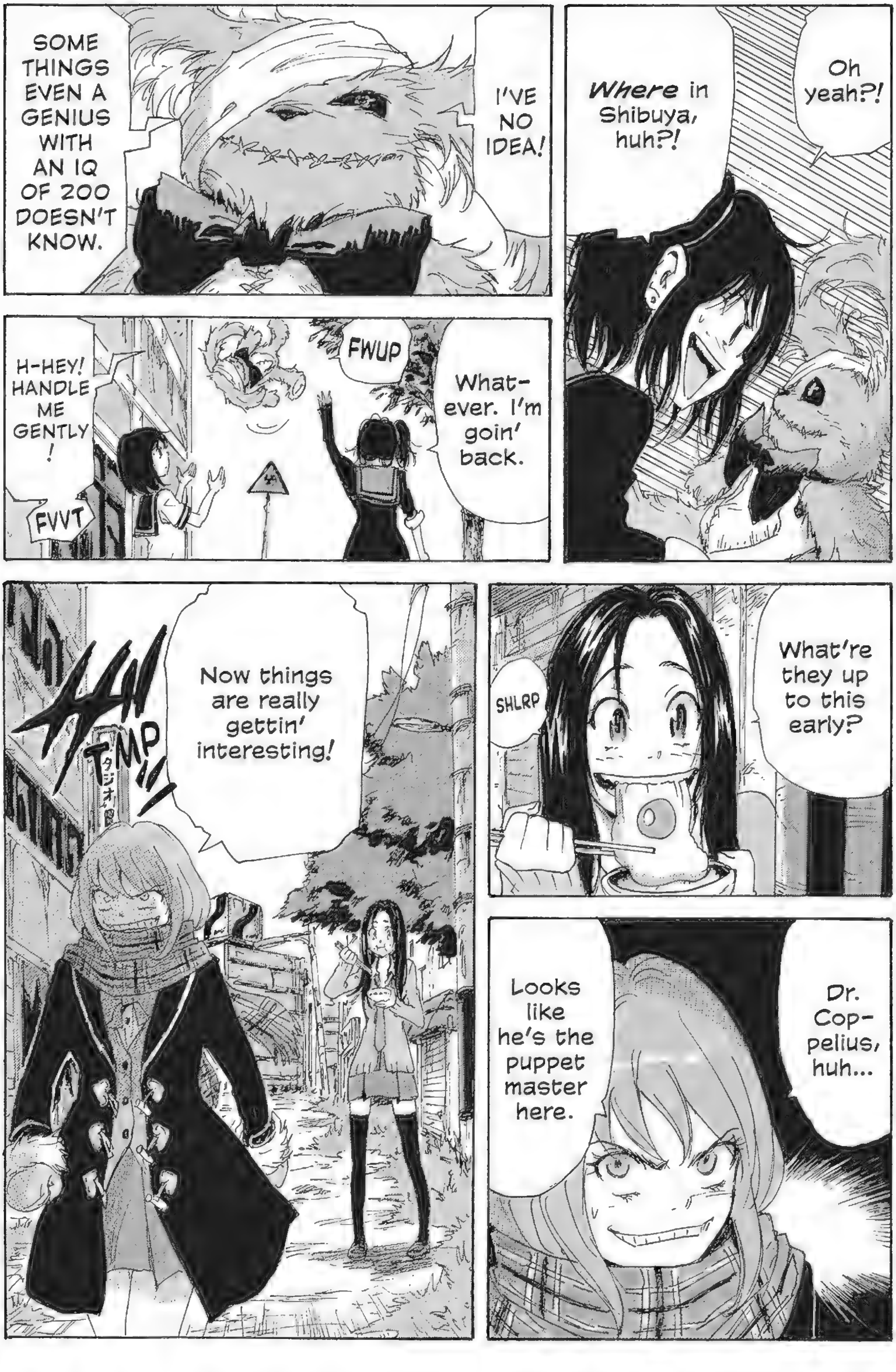


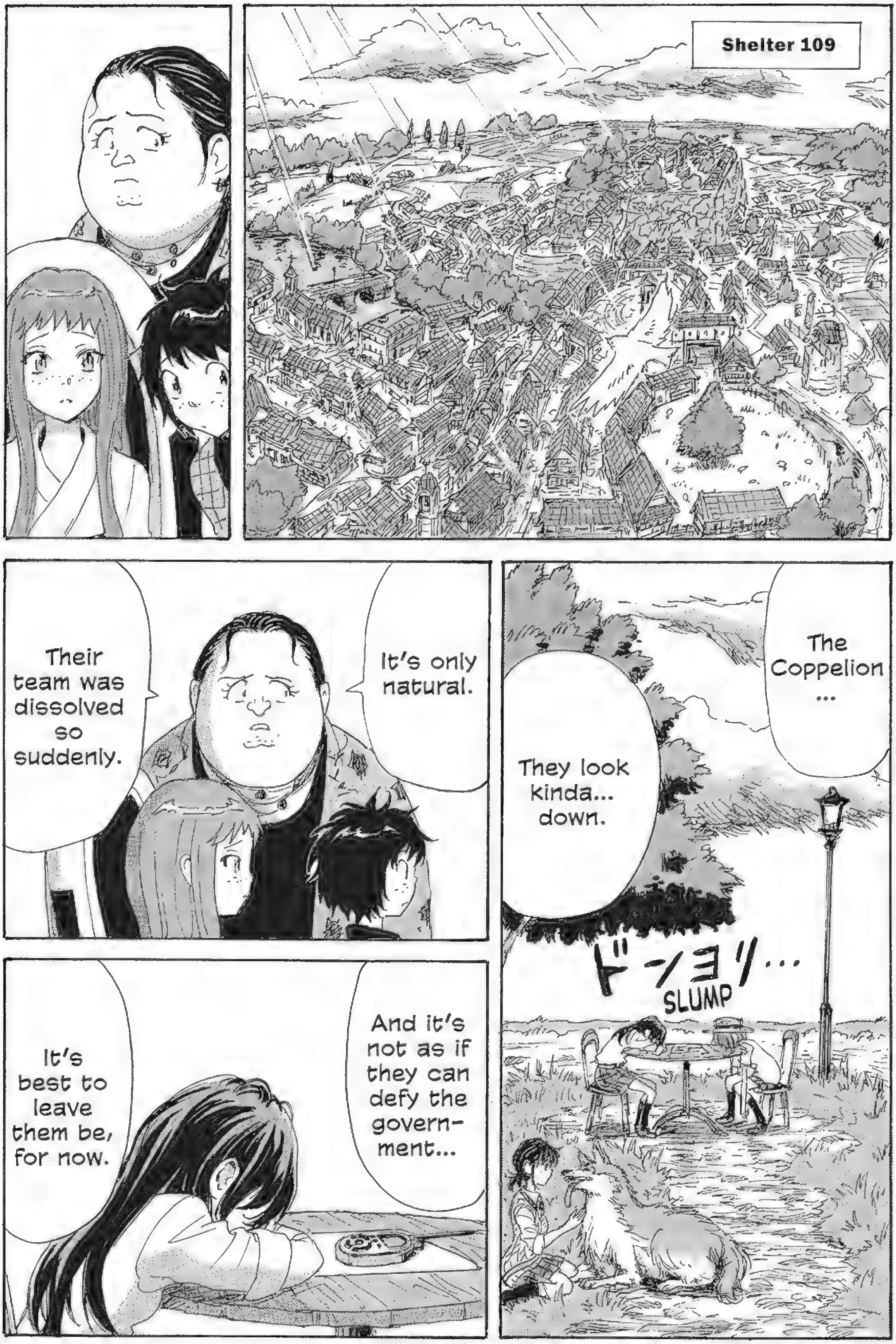

HWOOO
Dissolved...

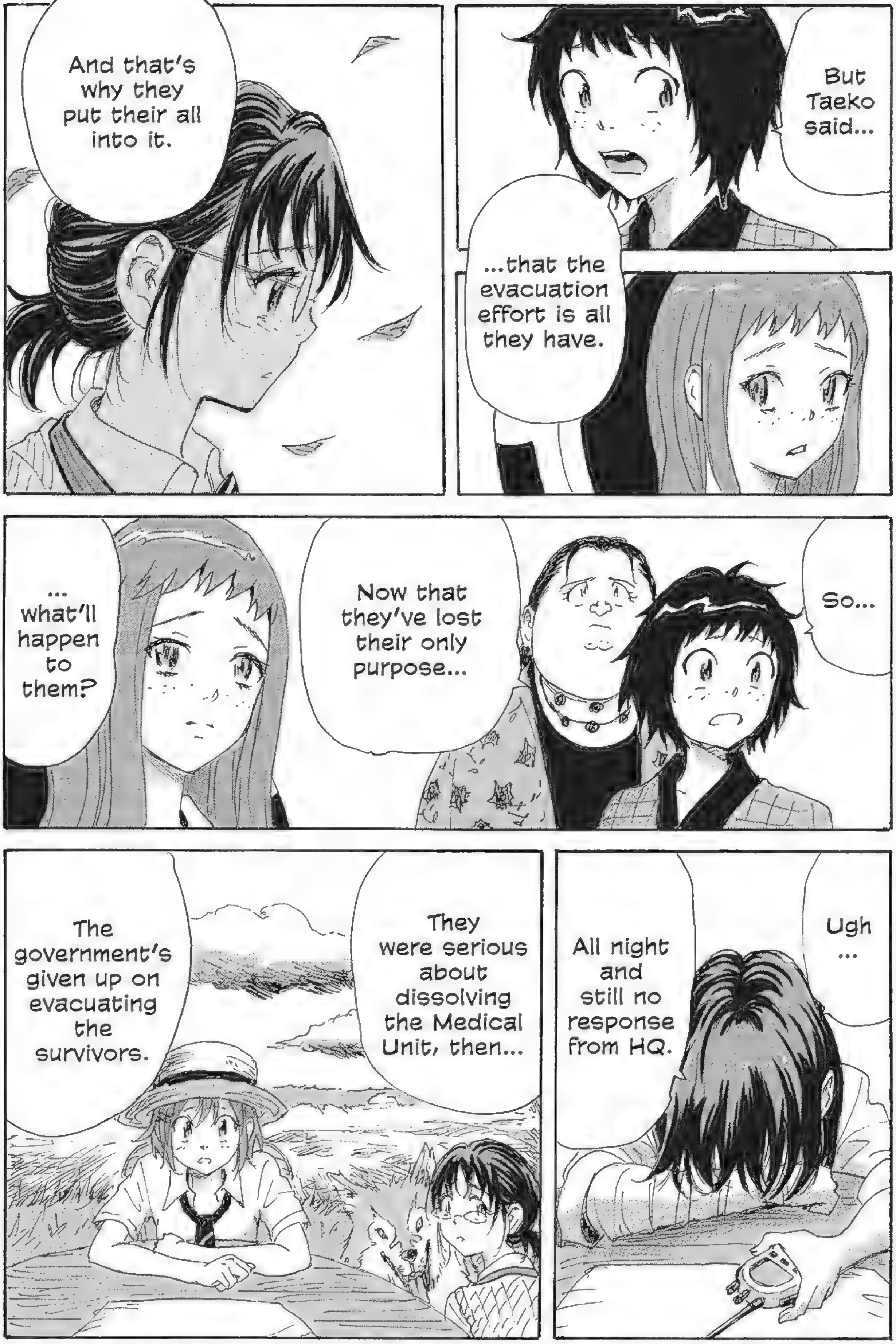

The Next Morning—
October 9, 2036 AD,
9:00 AM
TWEET
TWEET
♪ ♬
Ooh...
The rice is ready.
GURGLE
GURGLE
CRACKLE
All right, cut up the leek!
Roger!
FWUP

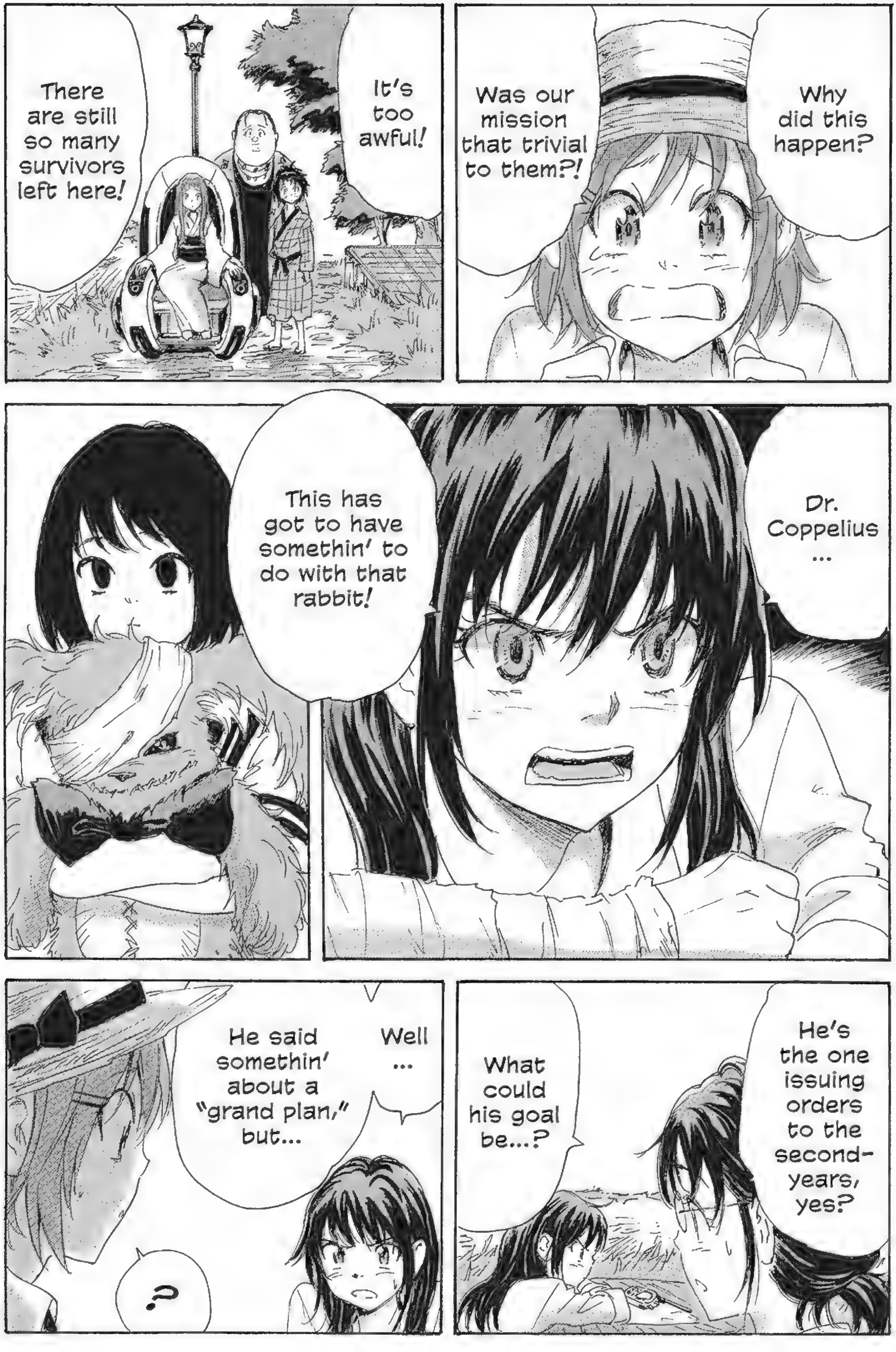

SHNK
SHNK
SHNK
SHNK
SHNK
SPLOSH
PLOP
Let's dig in!
NOM NOM
OMF
Huh ...?!
Meal time's over, Shion!
CLACK
Mmph!

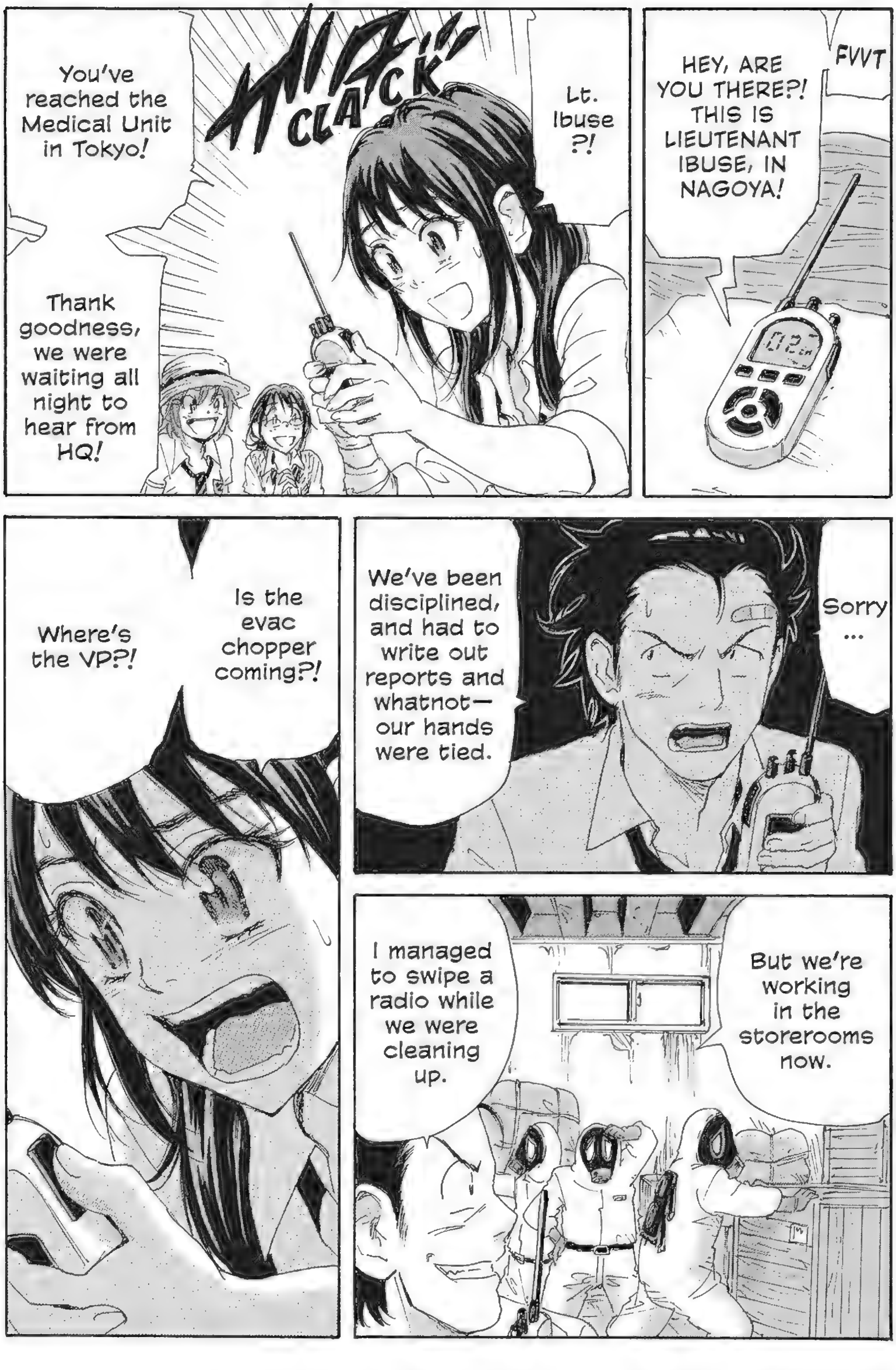

Ooh, sis! They're—
Shh!
It's the second-years...
It's *hot* and I'm *tired* ...
THROB
THROB
THROB
THROB
There's Mana Tsubaraya, and... that slob, izzat Meisa Ichikawa?!
Uuugh, where did Aoi Fukasaku get off to?!
I wanna go back to City Hall and gaaame!
FVVT
HM HM... THE MEDICAL UNIT WILL BE IN THE SURVIVORS' SHELTER.
?!
SOMEWHERE IN SHIBUYA, SURELY...

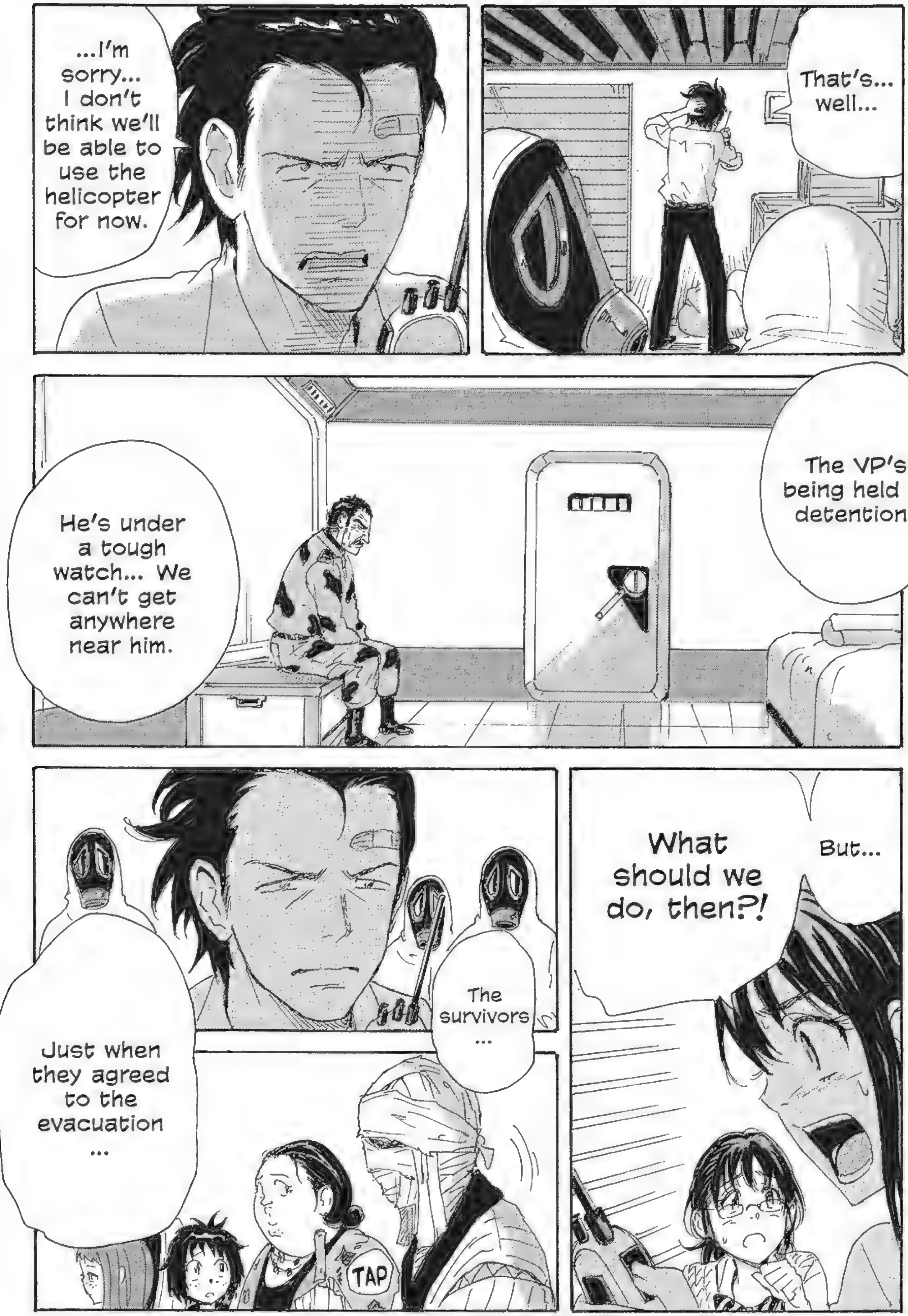

Oh yeah?!
Where in Shibuya, huh?!
I'VE NO IDEA!
SOME THINGS EVEN A GENIUS WITH AN IQ OF 200 DOESN'T KNOW.
What-ever. I'm goin' back.
FWUP
H-HEY! HANDLE ME GENTLY!
FVVT
What're they up to this early?
SHLRP
Dr. Coppelius, huh...
Looks like he's the puppet master here.
Now things are really gettin' interesting!
TMP

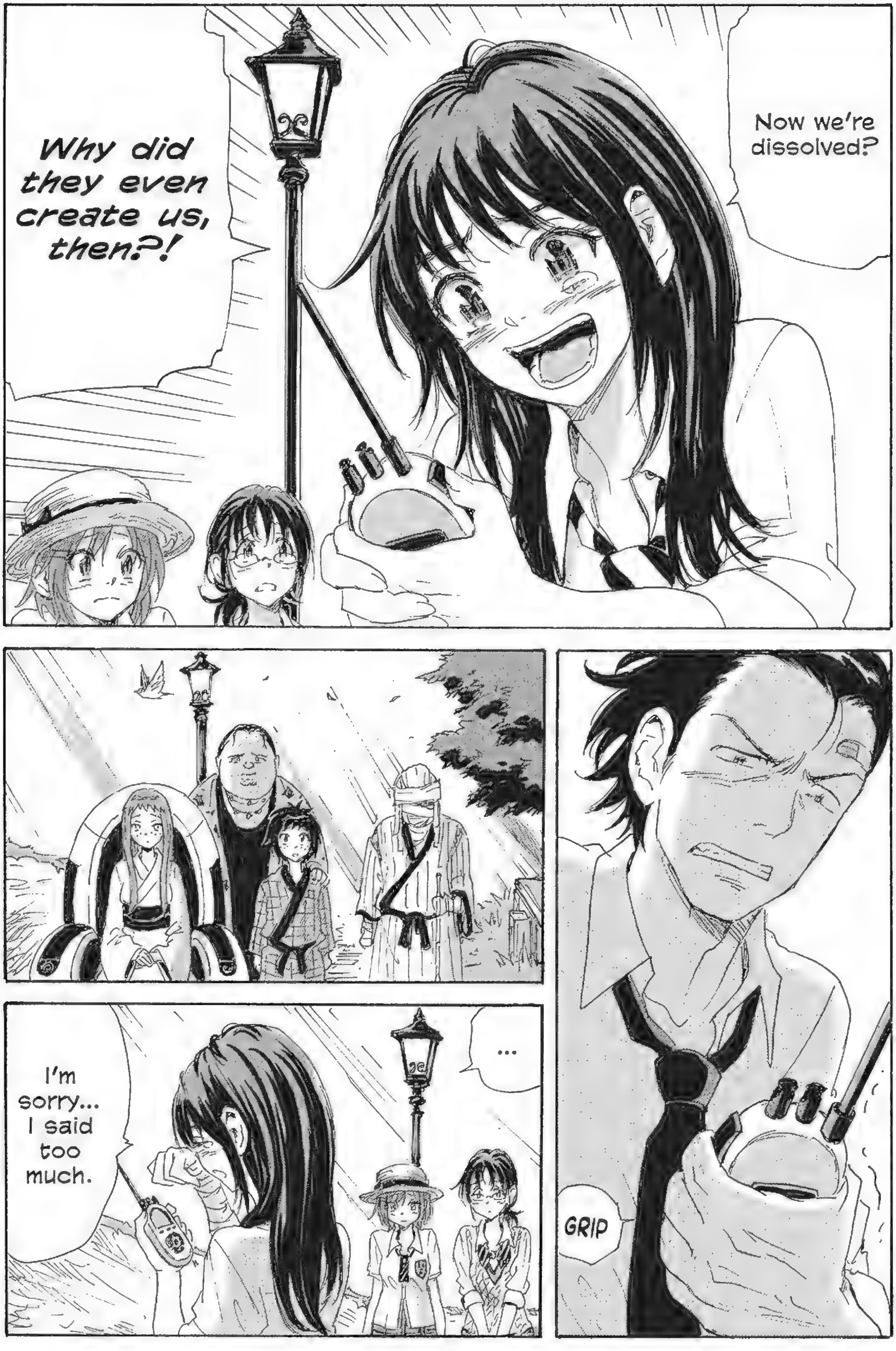

Shelter 109
The Coppelion…
They look kinda… down.
ドンヨリ…
SLUMP
It's only natural.
Their team was dissolved so suddenly.
And it's not as if they can defy the government…
It's best to leave them be, for now.

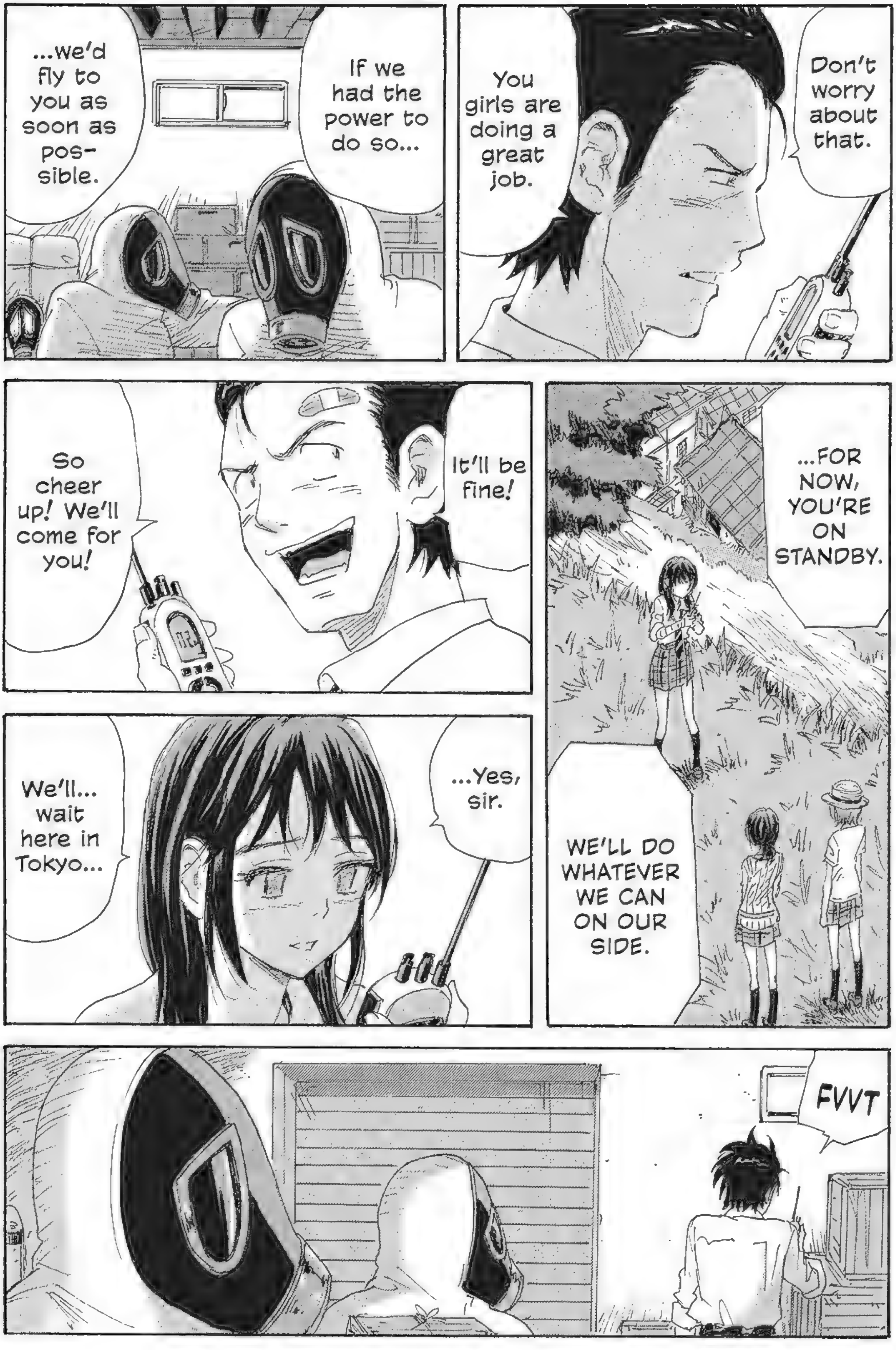

But Taeko said...
...that the evacuation effort is all they have.
And that's why they put their all into it.
So...
Now that they've lost their only purpose...
... what'll happen to them?
Ugh ...
All night and still no response from HQ.
They were serious about dissolving the Medical Unit, then...
The government's given up on evacuating the survivors.

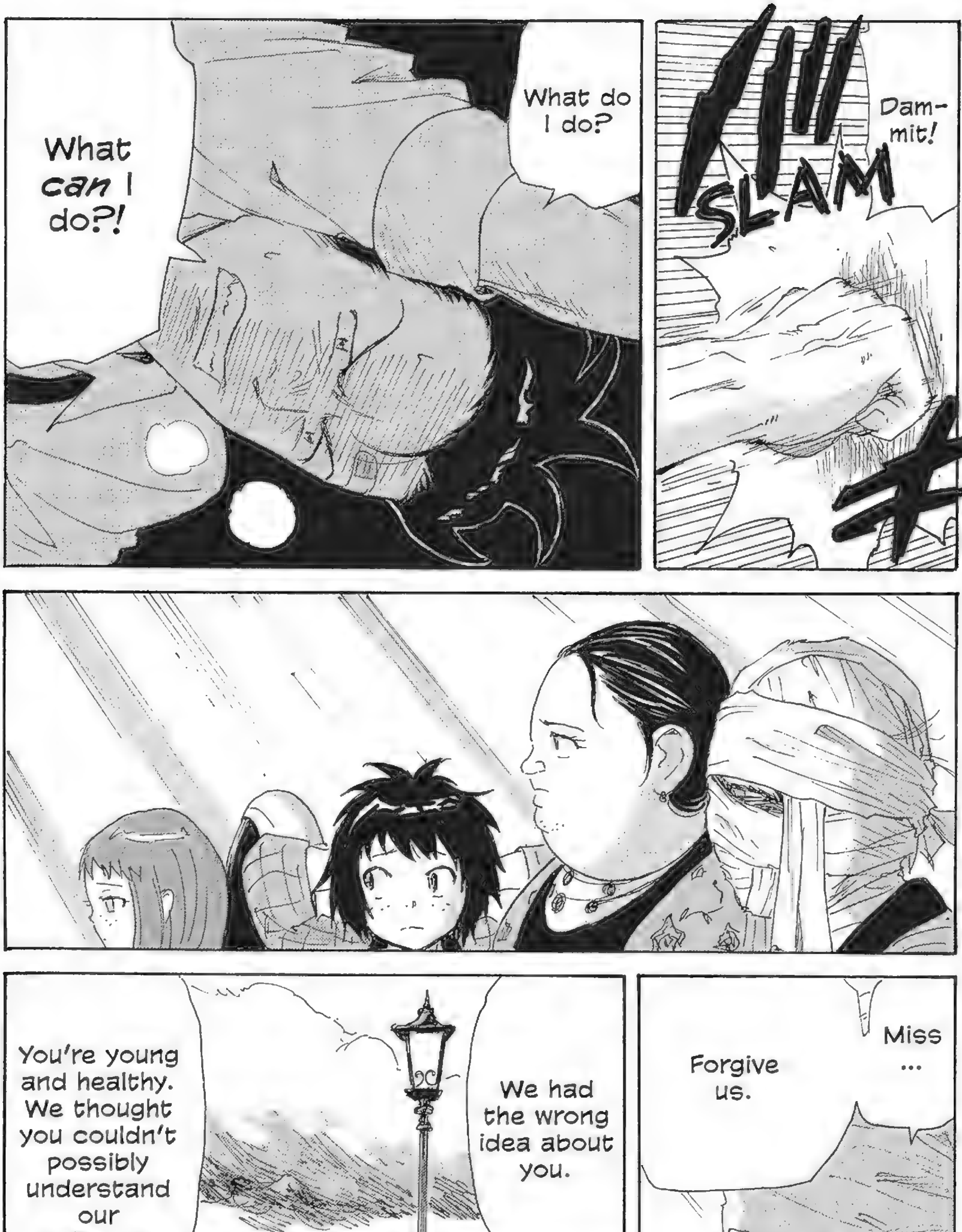

Why did this happen?
Was our mission that trivial to them?!
It's too awful!
There are still so many survivors left here!
Dr. Coppelius ...
This has got to have somethin' to do with that rabbit!
He's the one issuing orders to the second-years, yes?
What could his goal be...?
Well ...
He said somethin' about a "grand plan," but...
?

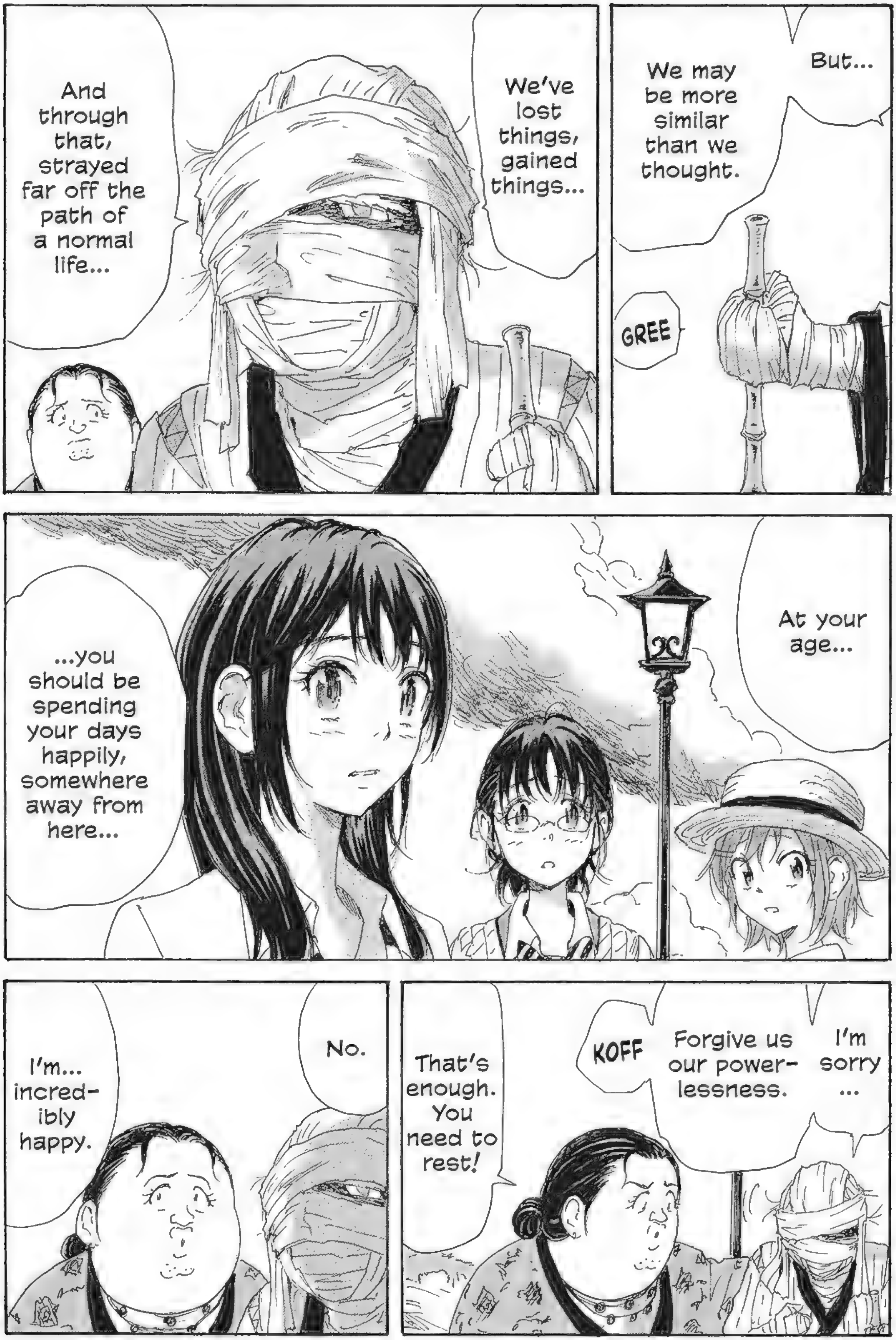

FVVT
HEY, ARE YOU THERE?! THIS IS LIEUTENANT IBUSE, IN NAGOYA!
CLACK
Lt. Ibuse?!
You've reached the Medical Unit in Tokyo!
Thank goodness, we were waiting all night to hear from HQ!
Is the evac chopper coming?!
Where's the VP?!
Sorry...
We've been disciplined, and had to write out reports and whatnot—our hands were tied.
But we're working in the storerooms now.
I managed to swipe a radio while we were cleaning up.

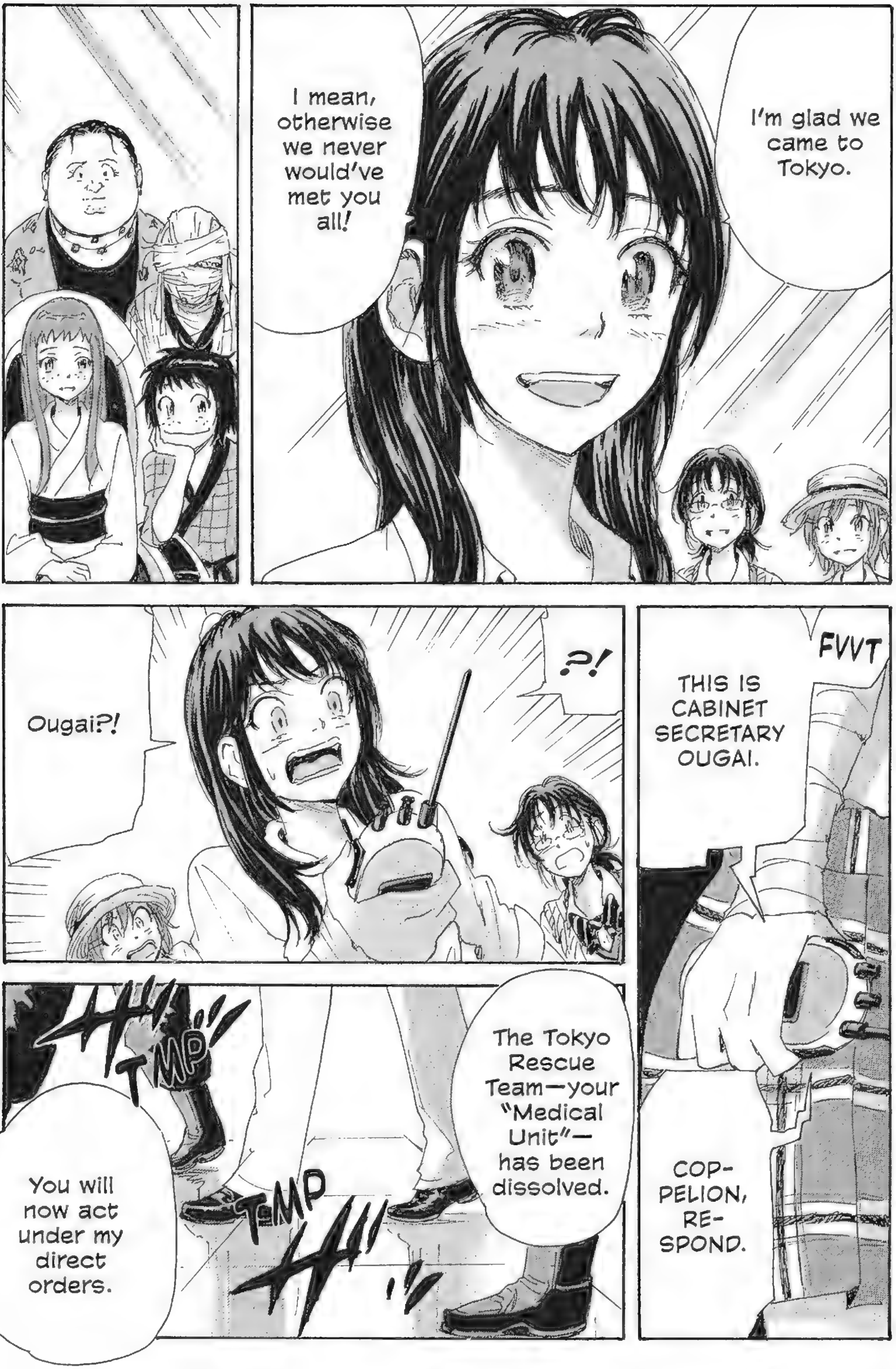

That's... well...
...I'm sorry... I don't think we'll be able to use the helicopter for now.
The VP's being held in detention.
He's under a tough watch... We can't get anywhere near him.
But...
What should we do, then?!
The survivors...
Just when they agreed to the evacuation...
TAP

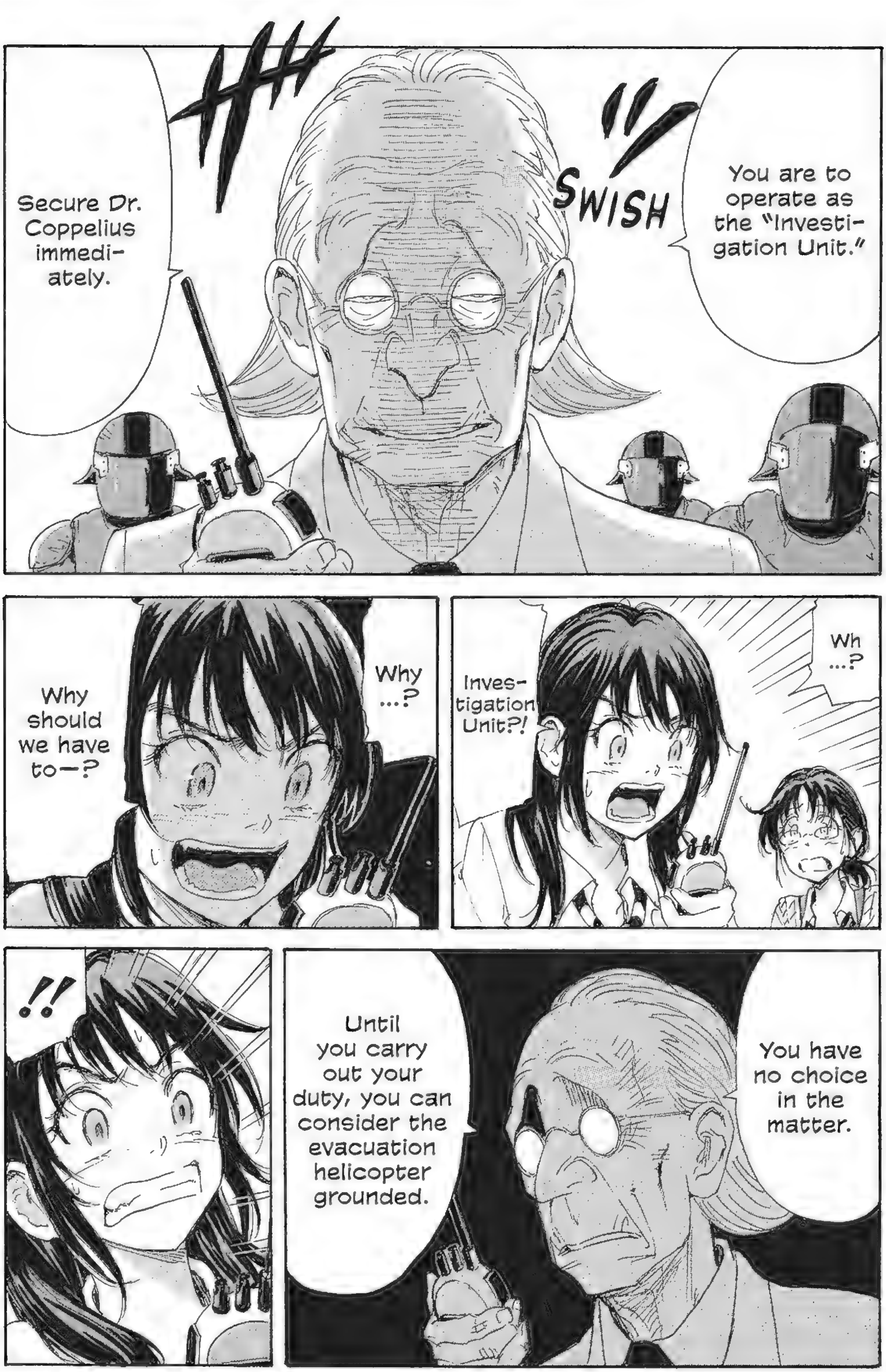

Now we're dissolved?
Why did they even create us, then?!
GRIP
...
I'm sorry... I said too much.

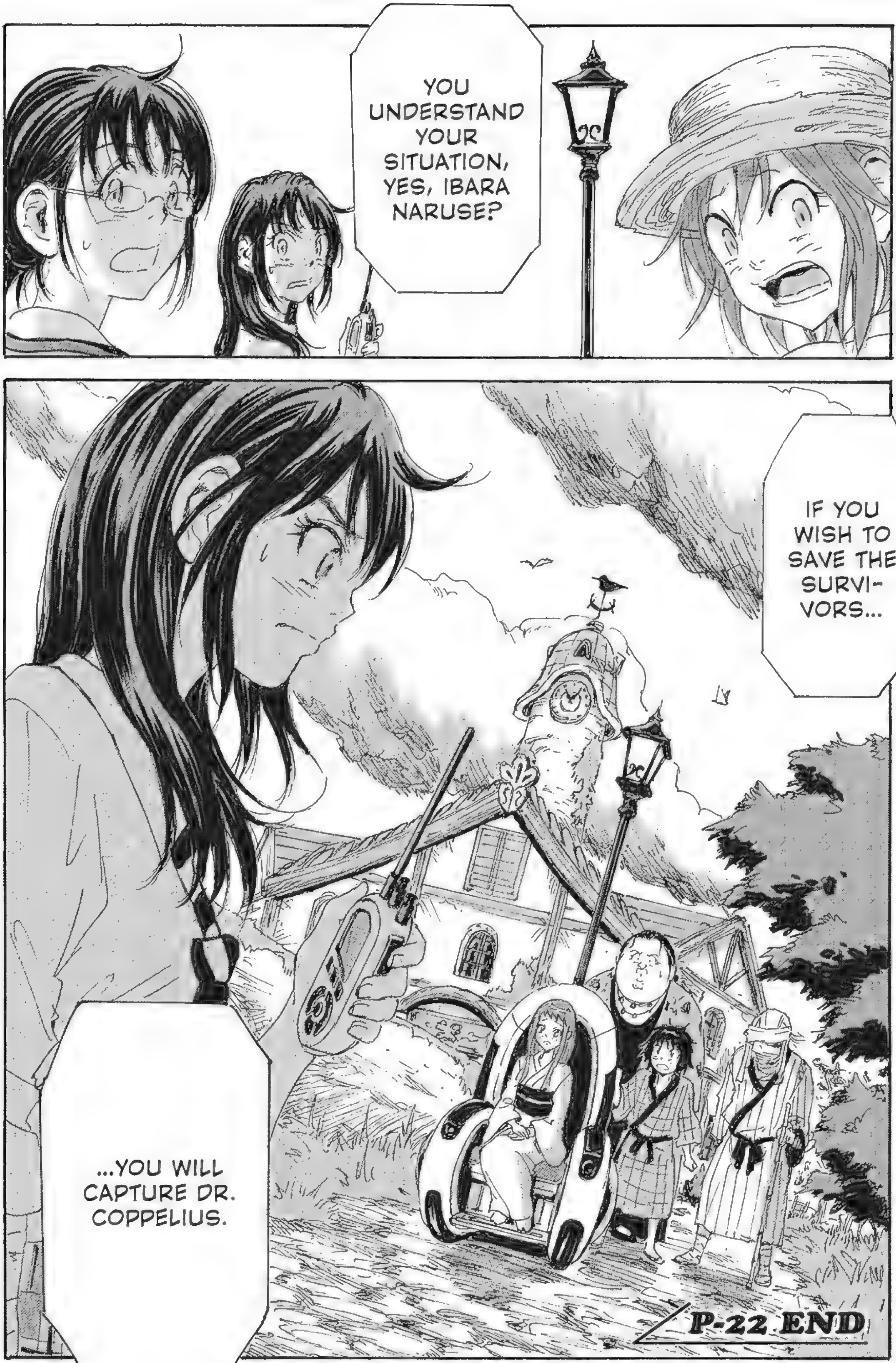

Don't worry about that.
You girls are doing a great job.
If we had the power to do so...
...we'd fly to you as soon as possible.
It'll be fine!
So cheer up! We'll come for you!
...FOR NOW, YOU'RE ON STANDBY.
WE'LL DO WHATEVER WE CAN ON OUR SIDE.
...Yes, sir.
We'll... wait here in Tokyo...
FVVT


Dam-mit!
SLAM
What do I do?
What *can* I do?!
Miss ...
Forgive us.
We had the wrong idea about you.
You're young and healthy. We thought you couldn't possibly understand our suffering.

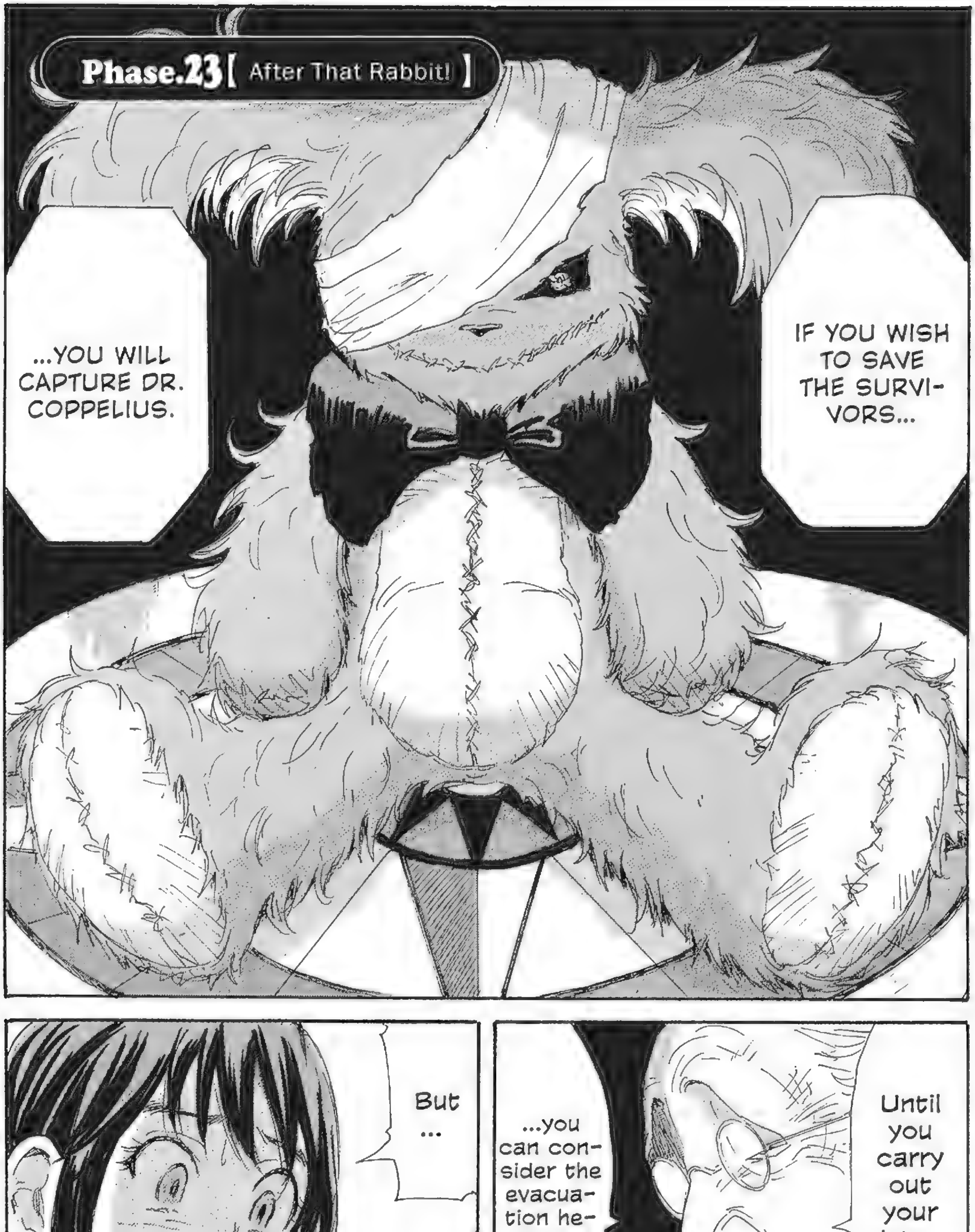

But...
We may be more similar than we thought.
GREE
We've lost things, gained things...
And through that, strayed far off the path of a normal life...
At your age...
...you should be spending your days happily, somewhere away from here...
I'm sorry...
Forgive us our powerlessness.
KOFF
That's enough. You need to rest!
No.
I'm... incredibly happy.


I'm glad we came to Tokyo.
I mean, otherwise we never would've met you all!
FVVT
THIS IS CABINET SECRETARY OUGAI.
?!
Ougai?!
COPPELION, RESPOND.
The Tokyo Rescue Team—your "Medical Unit"—has been dissolved.
TMP
TMP
You will now act under my direct orders.


You are to operate as the "Investigation Unit."
SWISH
Secure Dr. Coppelius immediately.
Wh...?
Investigation Unit?!
Why...?
Why should we have to—?
!!
You have no choice in the matter.
Until you carry out your duty, you can consider the evacuation helicopter grounded.


YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION, YES, IBARA NARUSE?
IF YOU WISH TO SAVE THE SURVIVORS...
...YOU WILL CAPTURE DR. COPPELIUS.
P-22 END

Phase.23 [After That Rabbit!]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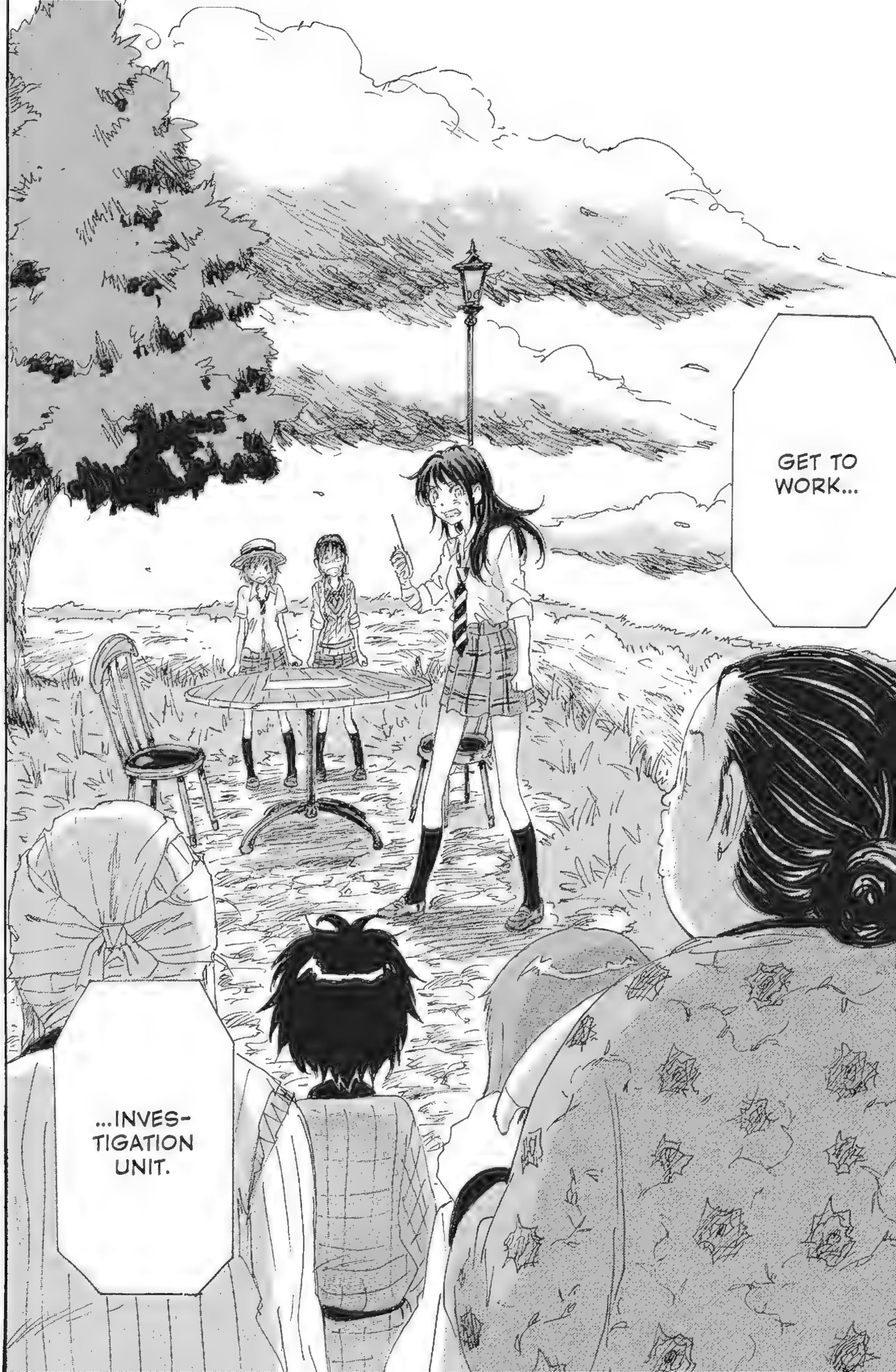
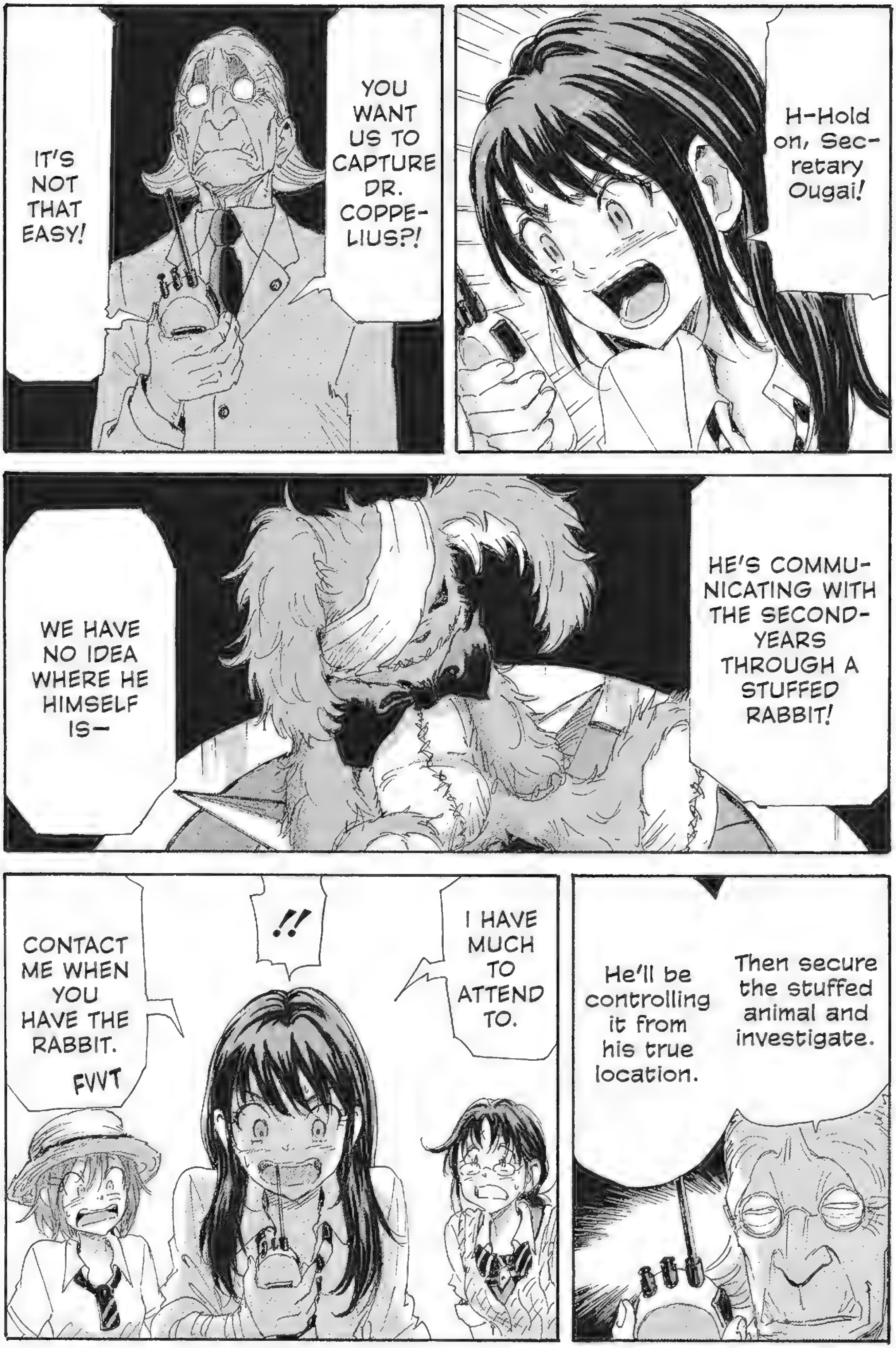
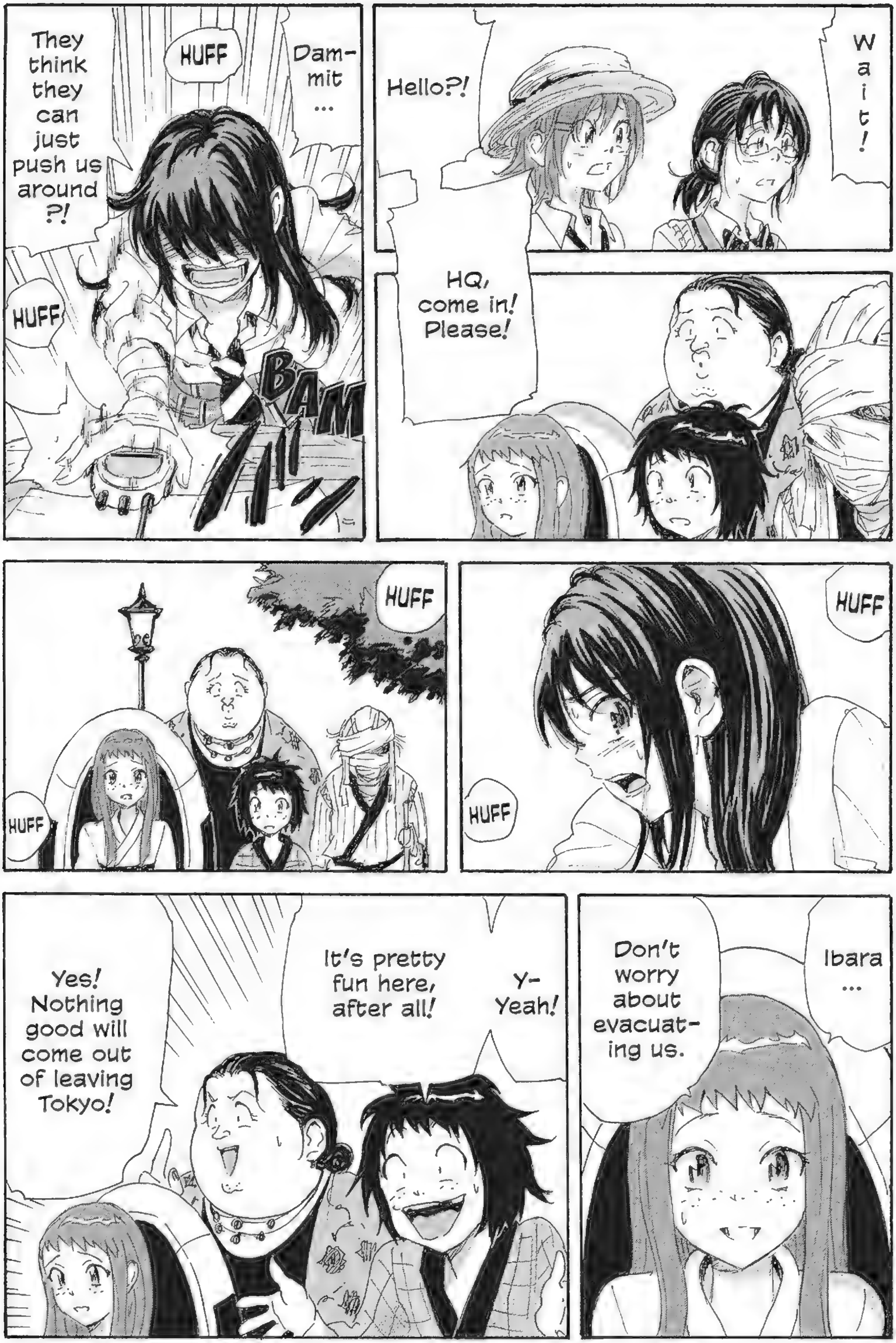
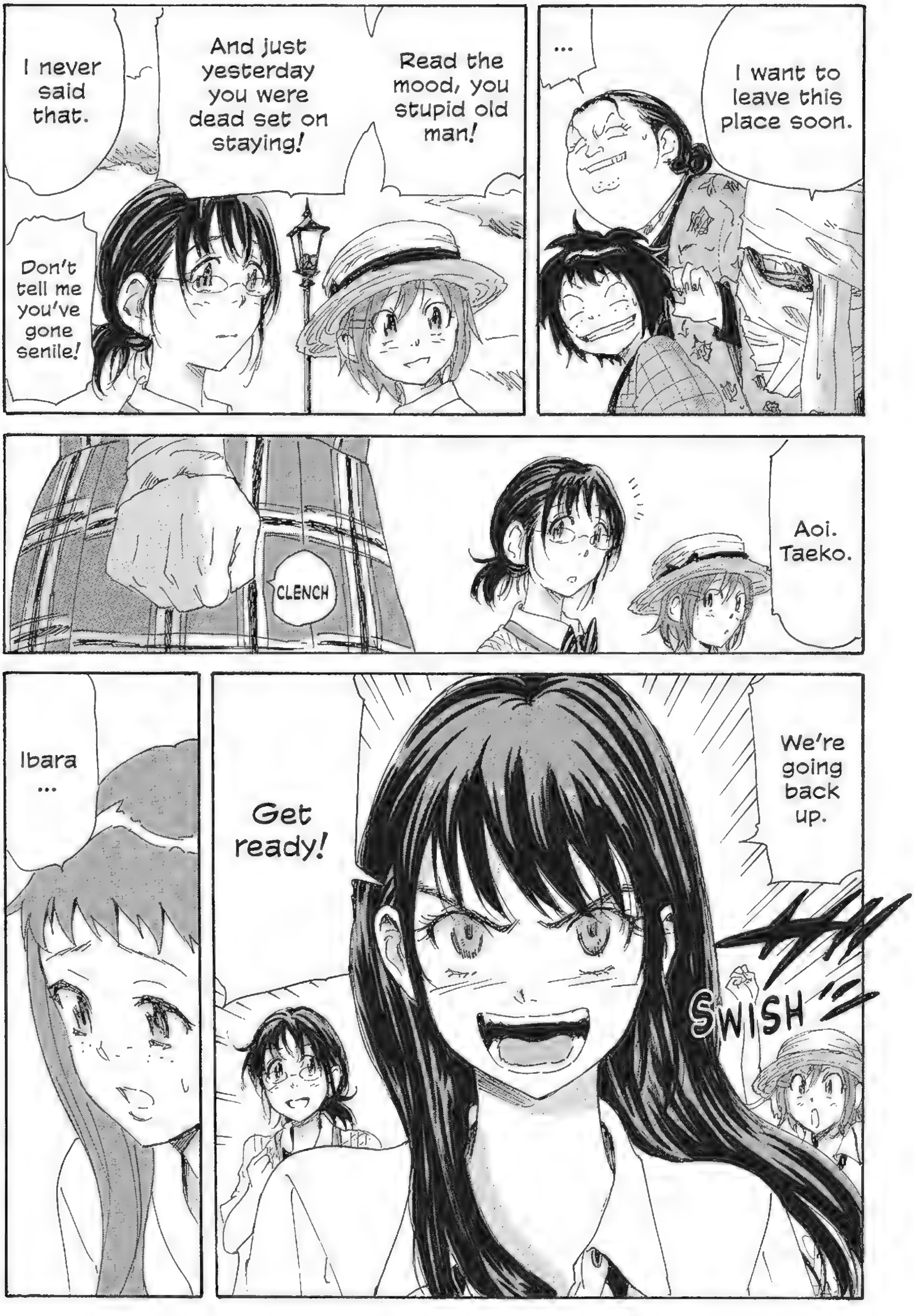
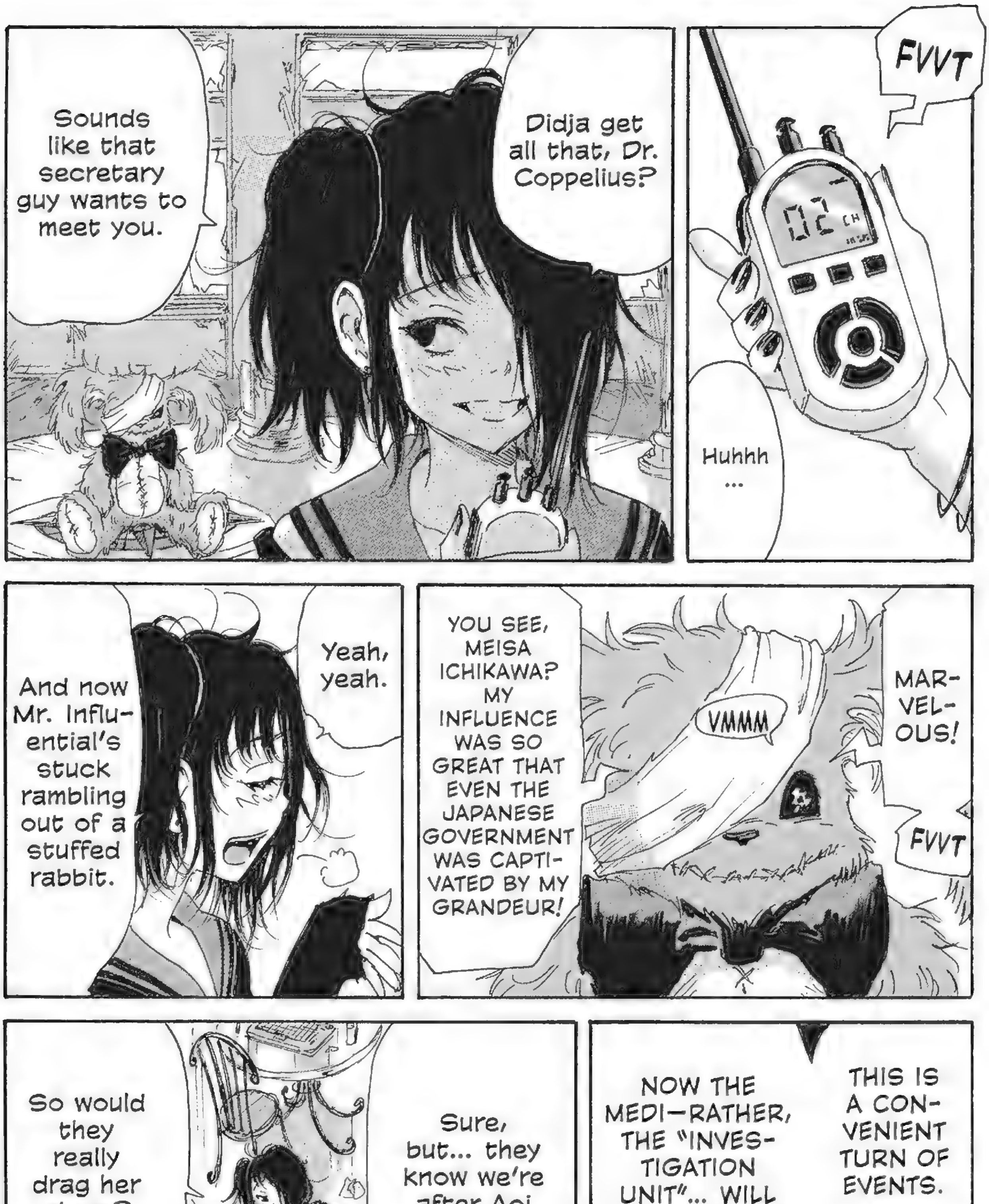
...YOU WILL CAPTURE DR. COPPELIUS.
Until you carry out your duty...
...you can consider the evacuation helicopter grounded.
But...

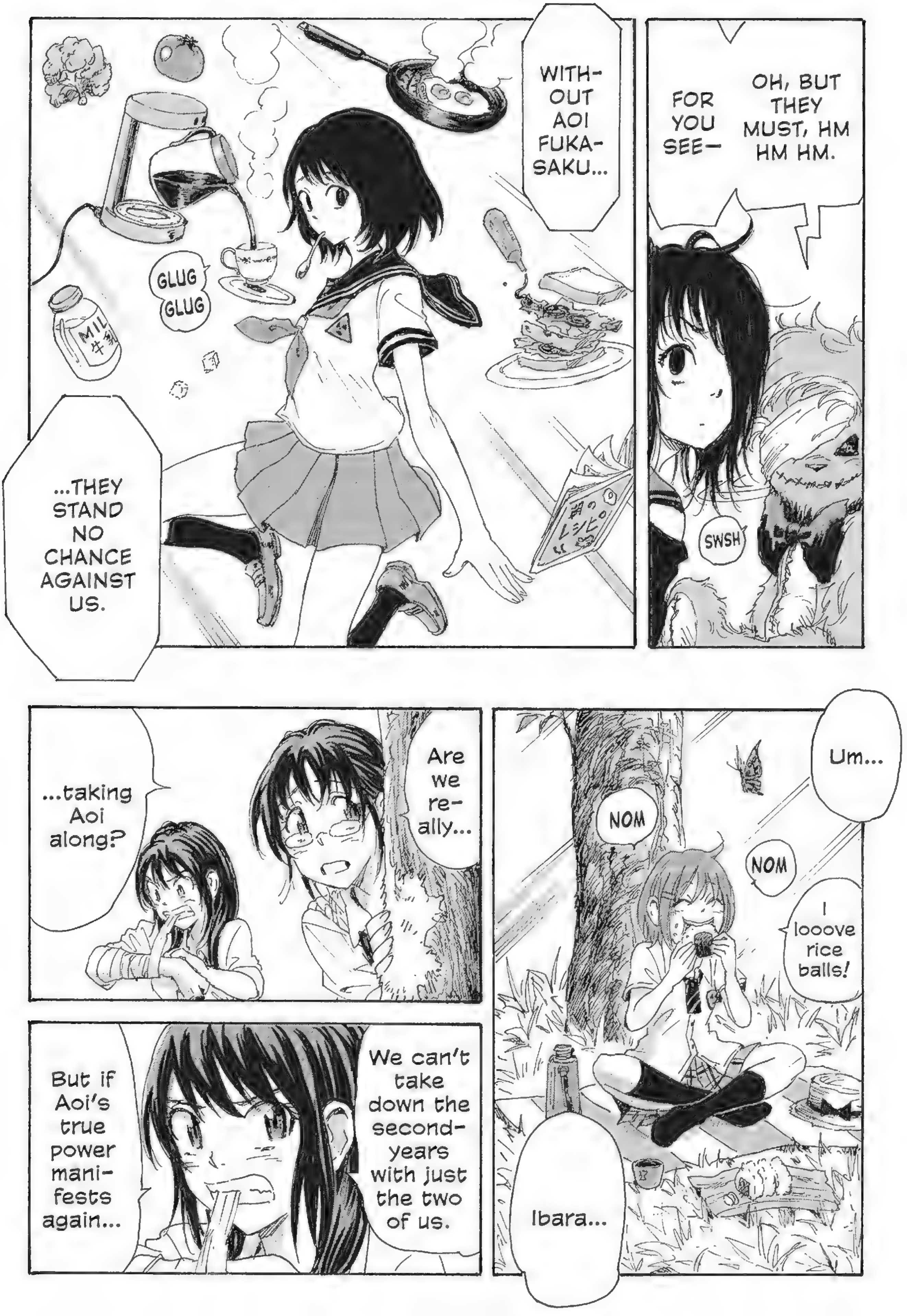

GET TO WORK...
...INVESTIGATION UNIT.

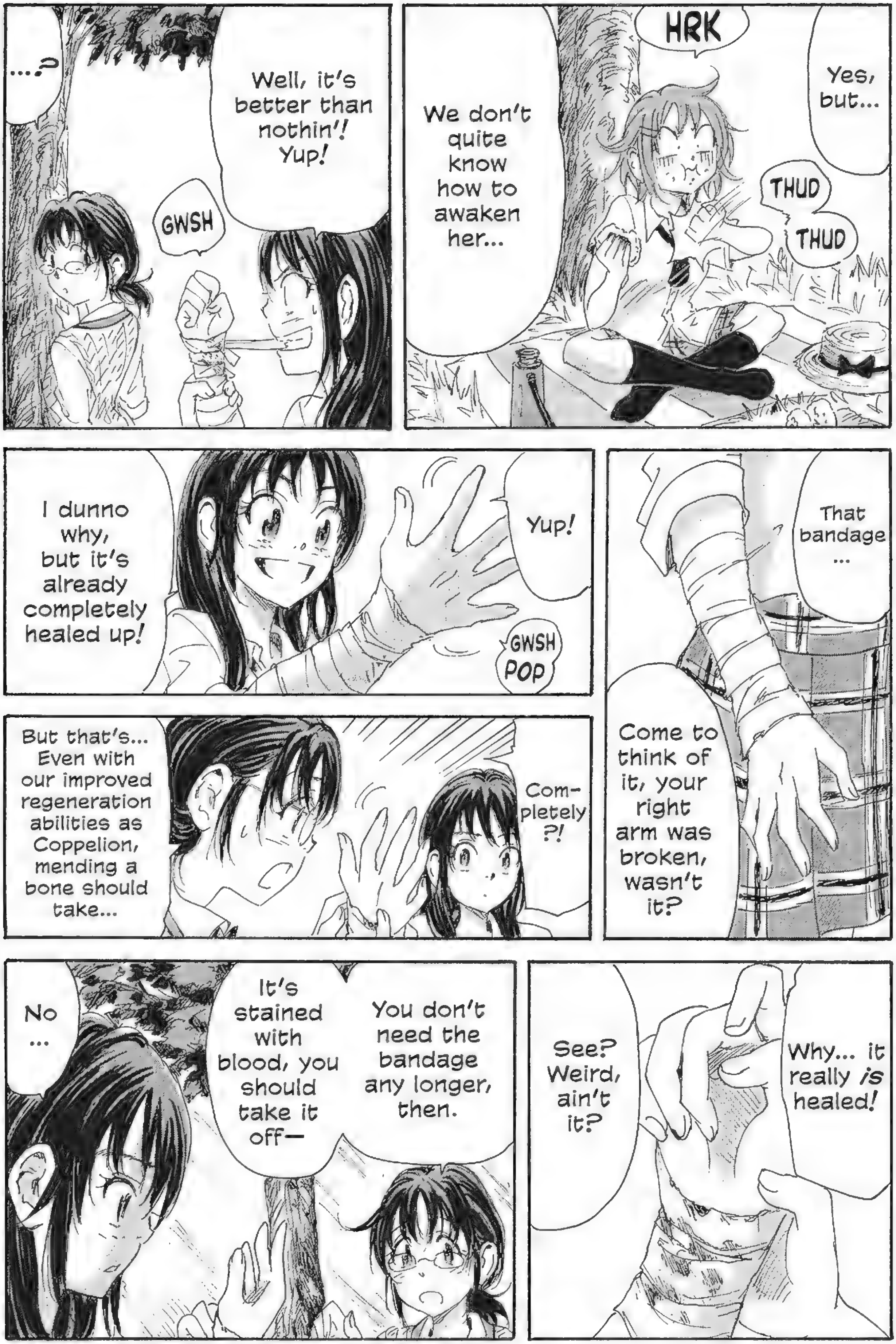

H-Hold on, Secretary Ougai!
YOU WANT US TO CAPTURE DR. COPPELIUS?!
IT'S NOT THAT EASY!
HE'S COMMUNICATING WITH THE SECOND-YEARS THROUGH A STUFFED RABBIT!
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE HIMSELF IS—
Then secure the stuffed animal and investigate.
He'll be controlling it from his true location.
I HAVE MUCH TO ATTEND TO.
!!
CONTACT ME WHEN YOU HAVE THE RABBIT.
FVVT

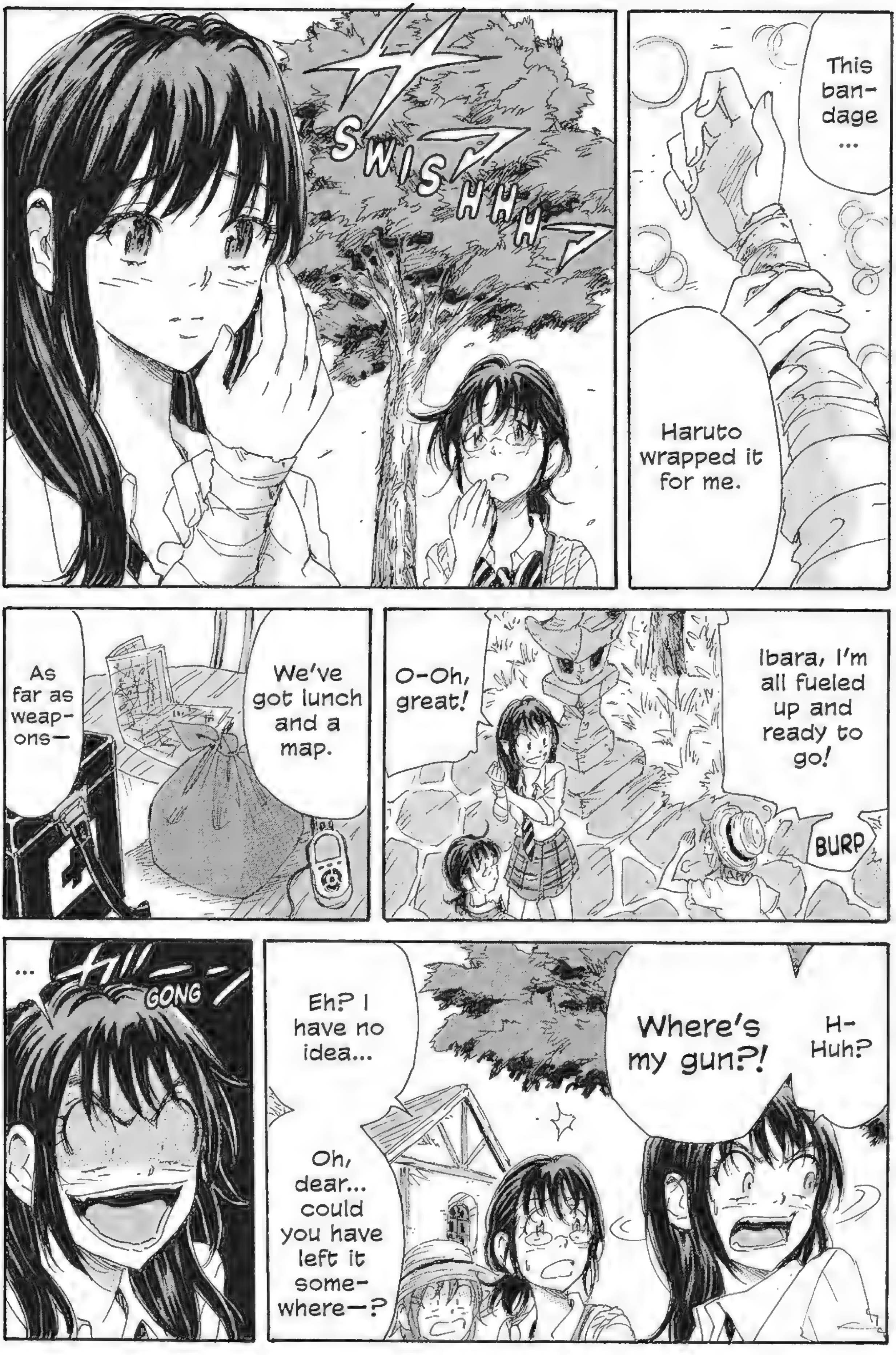

Wait!
Hello?!
HQ, come in! Please!
Dammit...
HUFF
They think they can just push us around?!
HUFF
BAM
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Ibara...
Don't worry about evacuating us.
Y-Yeah!
It's pretty fun here, after all!
Yes! Nothing good will come out of leaving Tokyo!

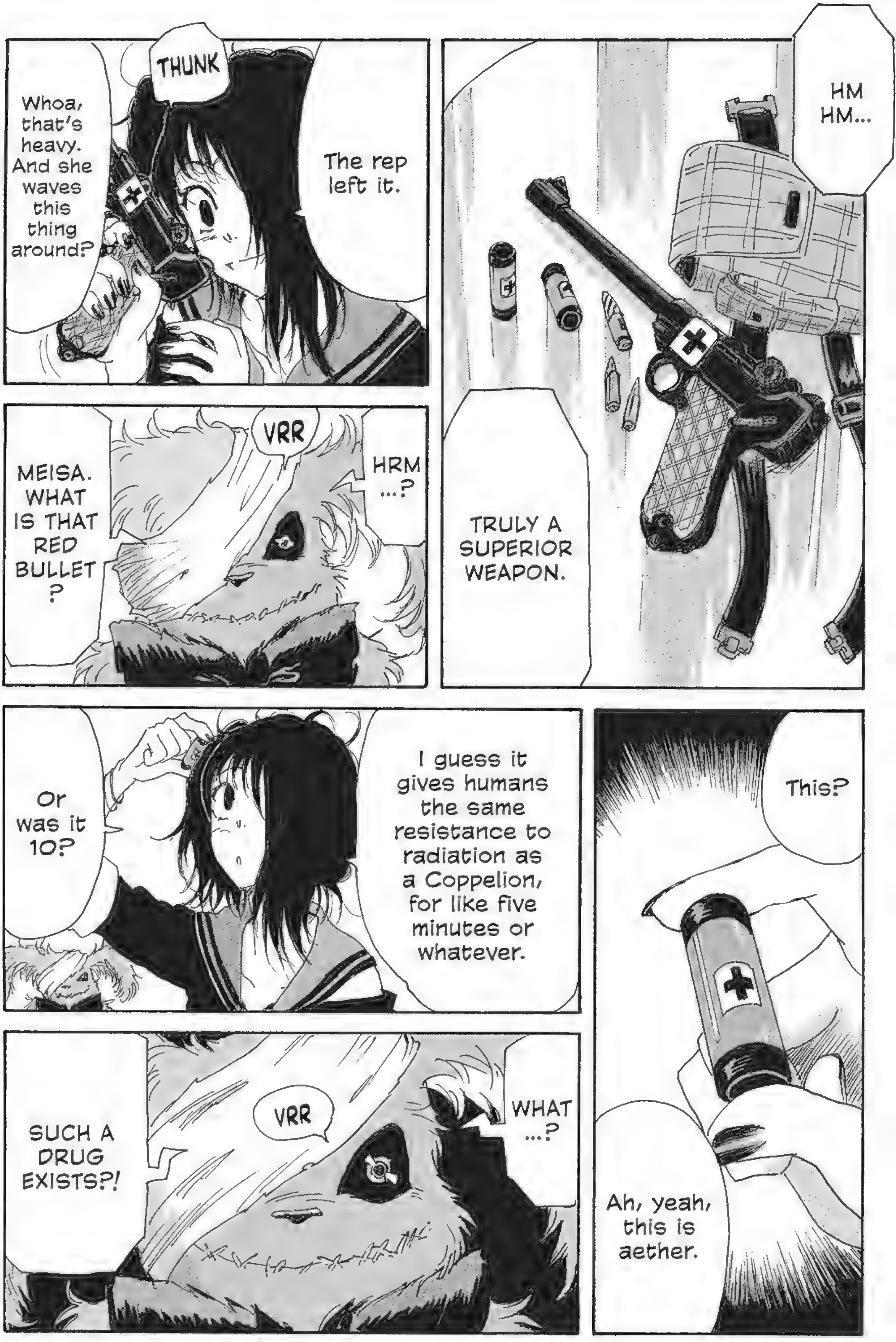

...
I want to leave this place soon.
Read the mood, you stupid old man!
And just yesterday you were dead set on staying!
I never said that.
Don't tell me you've gone senile!
Aoi. Taeko.
CLENCH
We're going back up.
SWISH
Get ready!
Ibara ...

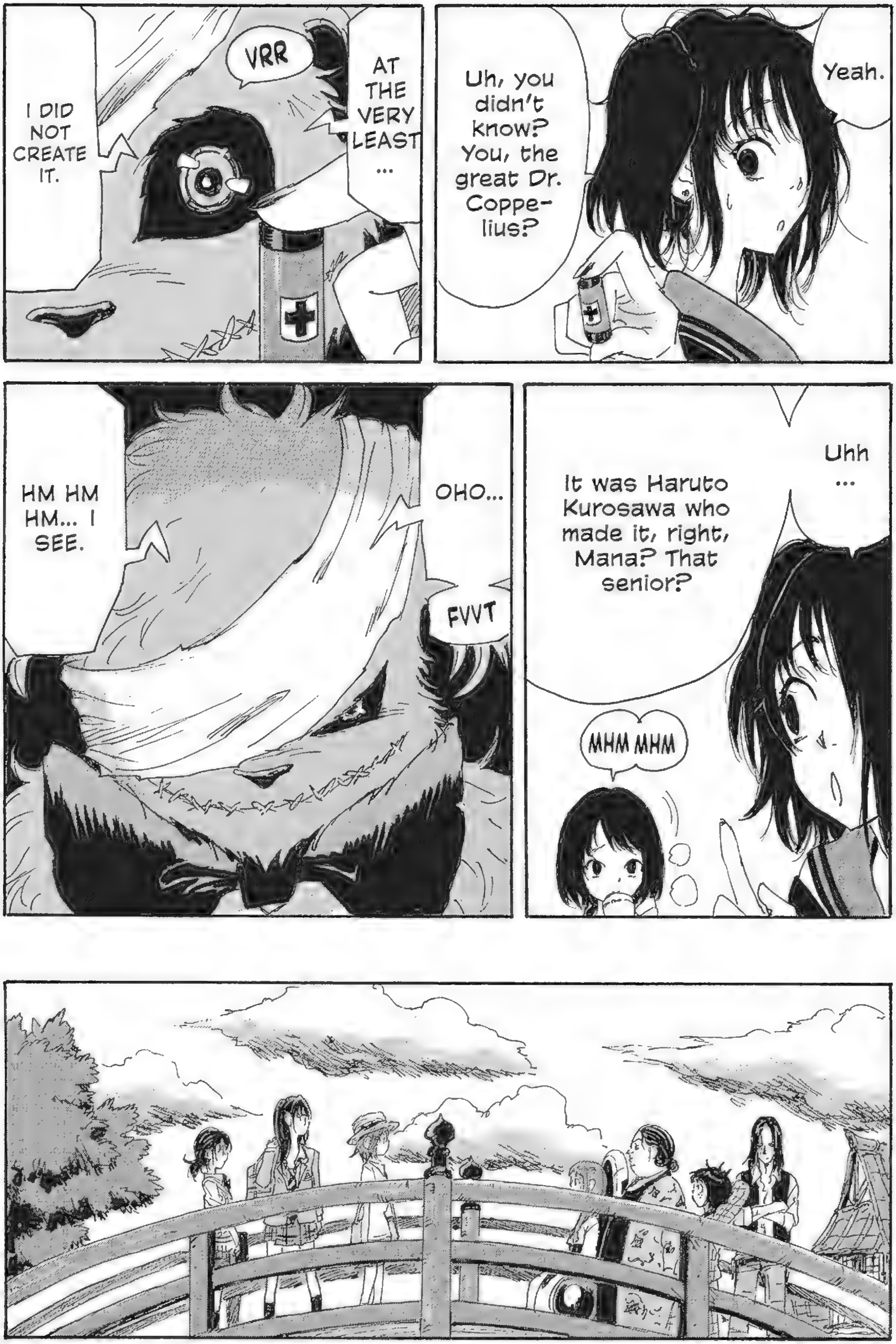

FVVT
Huhhh ...
Didja get all that, Dr. Coppelius?
Sounds like that secretary guy wants to meet you.
MAR-VEL-OUS!
FVVT
VMMM
YOU SEE, MEISA ICHIKAWA? MY INFLUENCE WAS SO GREAT THAT EVEN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WAS CAPTIVATED BY MY GRANDEUR!
Yeah, yeah.
And now Mr. Influential's stuck rambling out of a stuffed rabbit.
THIS IS A CONVENIENT TURN OF EVENTS.
NOW THE MEDI—RATHER, THE "INVESTIGATION UNIT"... WILL COME TO US.
VRR
Sure, but... they know we're after Aoi Fukasaku.
So would they really drag her along?
CLUNK

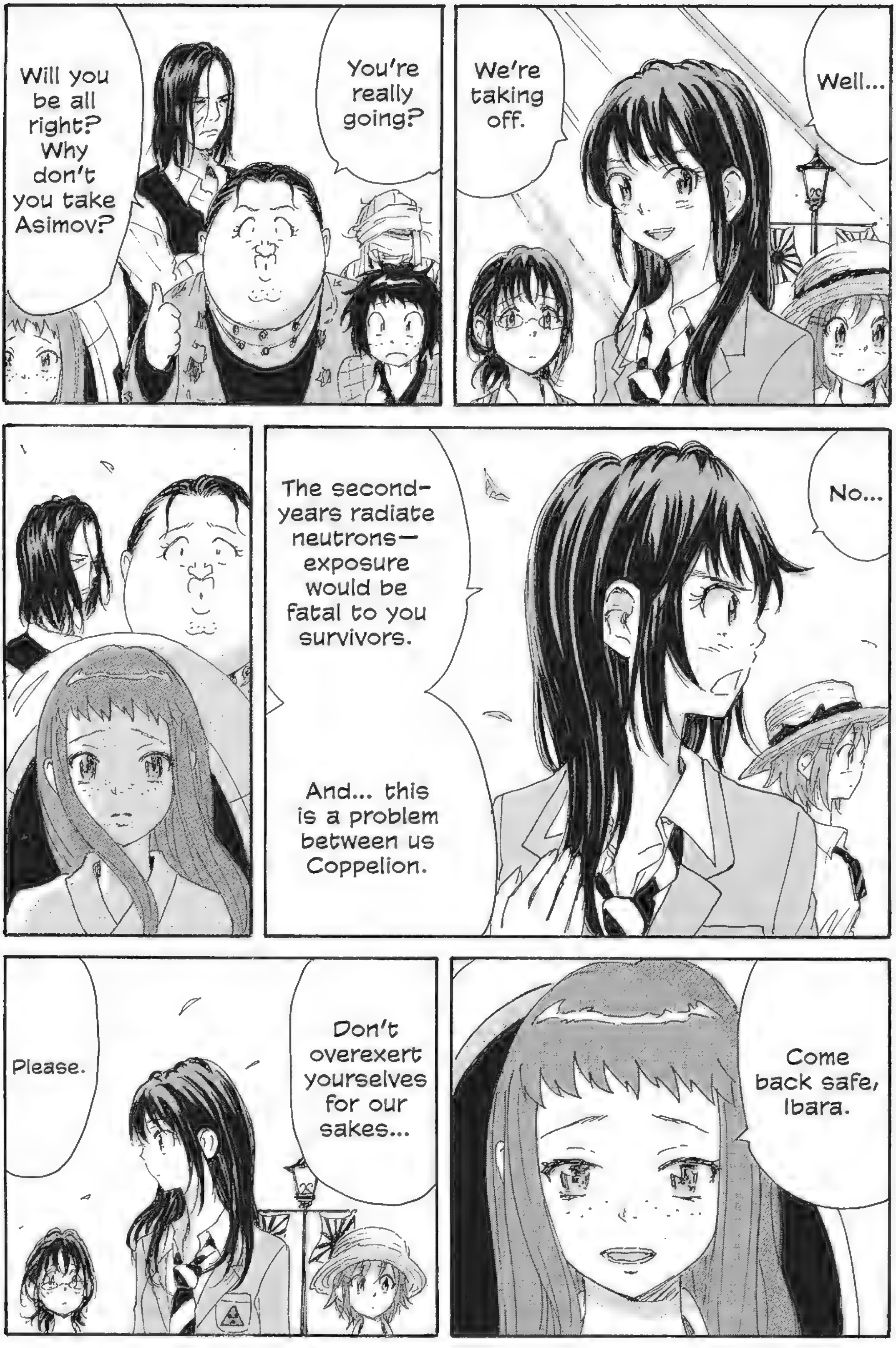

OH, BUT THEY MUST, HM HM HM.
FOR YOU SEE—
SWSH
WITHOUT AOI FUKASAKU...
GLUG GLUG
MIL 牛乳
...THEY STAND NO CHANCE AGAINST US.
Um...
NOM
NOM
I looove rice balls!
Ibara...
Are we really...
...taking Aoi along?
We can't take down the second-years with just the two of us.
But if Aoi's true power manifests again...

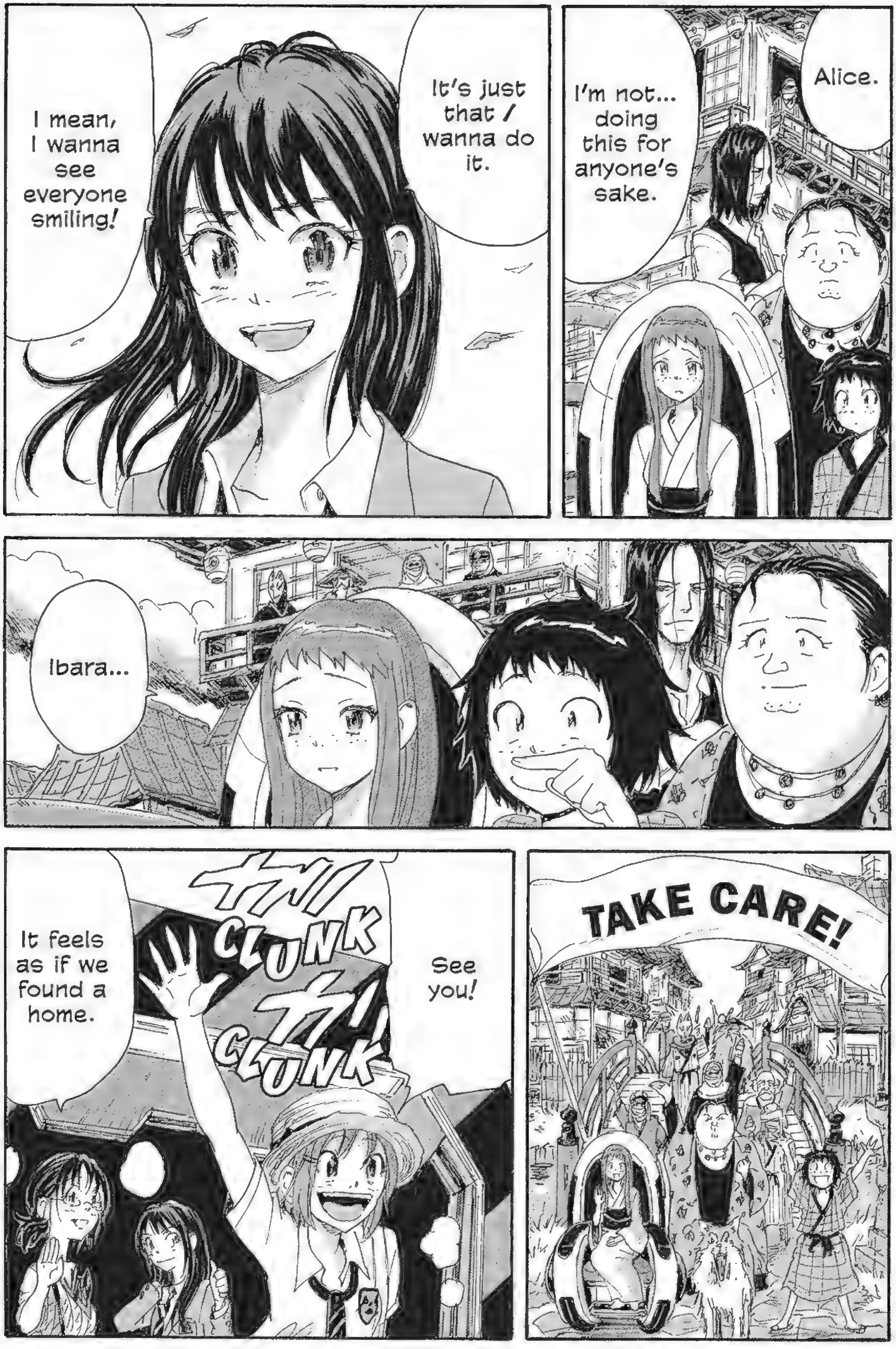

Yes, but...
HRK
THUD
THUD
We don't quite know how to awaken her...
Well, it's better than nothin'! Yup!
GWSH
...?
That bandage ...
Come to think of it, your right arm was broken, wasn't it?
Yup!
GWSH
POP
I dunno why, but it's already completely healed up!
Com-pletely?!
But that's... Even with our improved regeneration abilities as Coppelion, mending a bone should take...
Why... it really *is* healed!
See? Weird, ain't it?
You don't need the bandage any longer, then.
It's stained with blood, you should take it off—
No ...

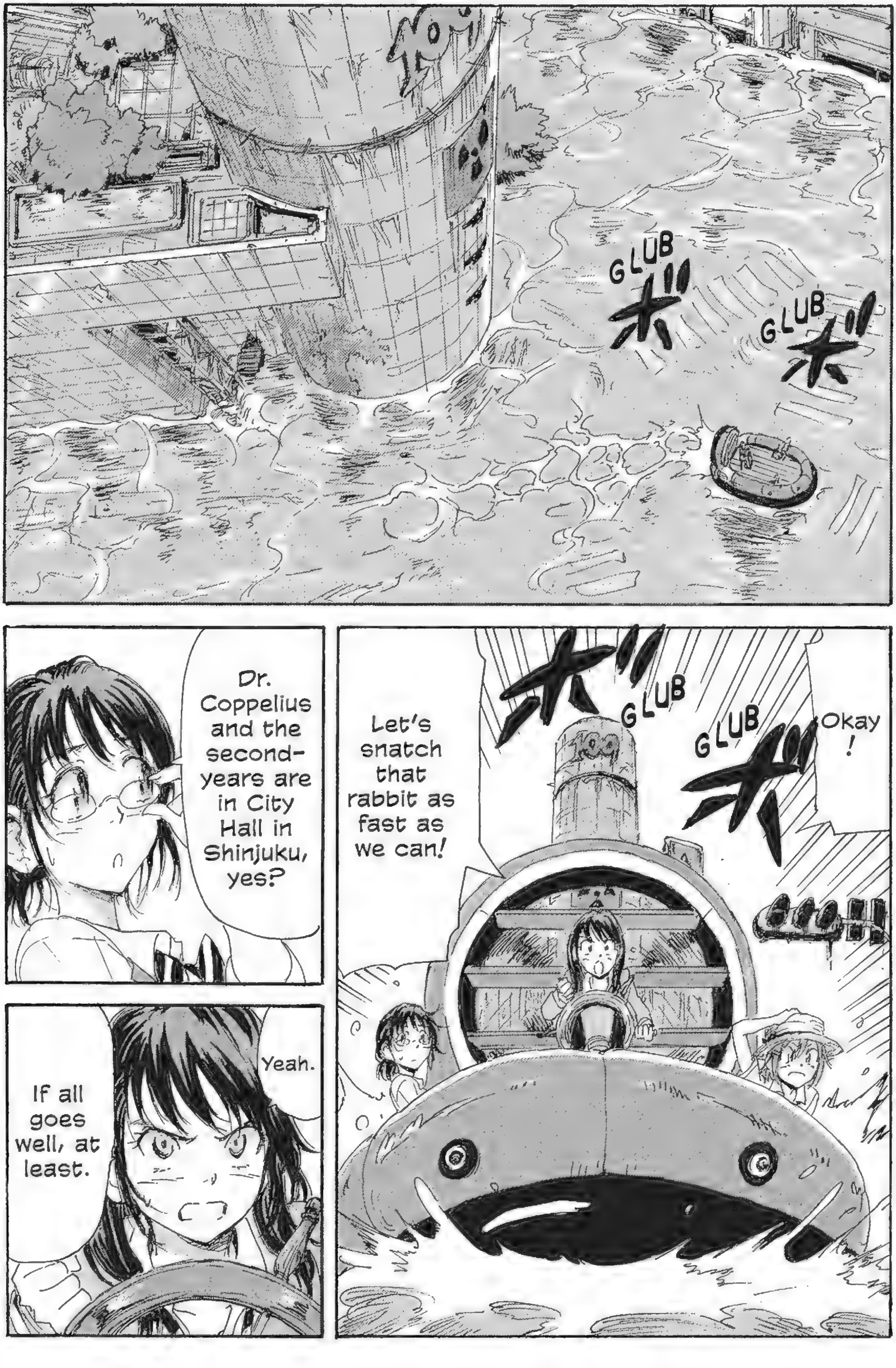

This ban-dage...
Haruto wrapped it for me.
SWISHHH
Ibara, I'm all fueled up and ready to go!
BURP
O-Oh, great!
We've got lunch and a map.
As far as weap-ons—
H-Huh?
Where's my gun?!
Eh? I have no idea...
Oh, dear... could you have left it some-where—?
...
GONG

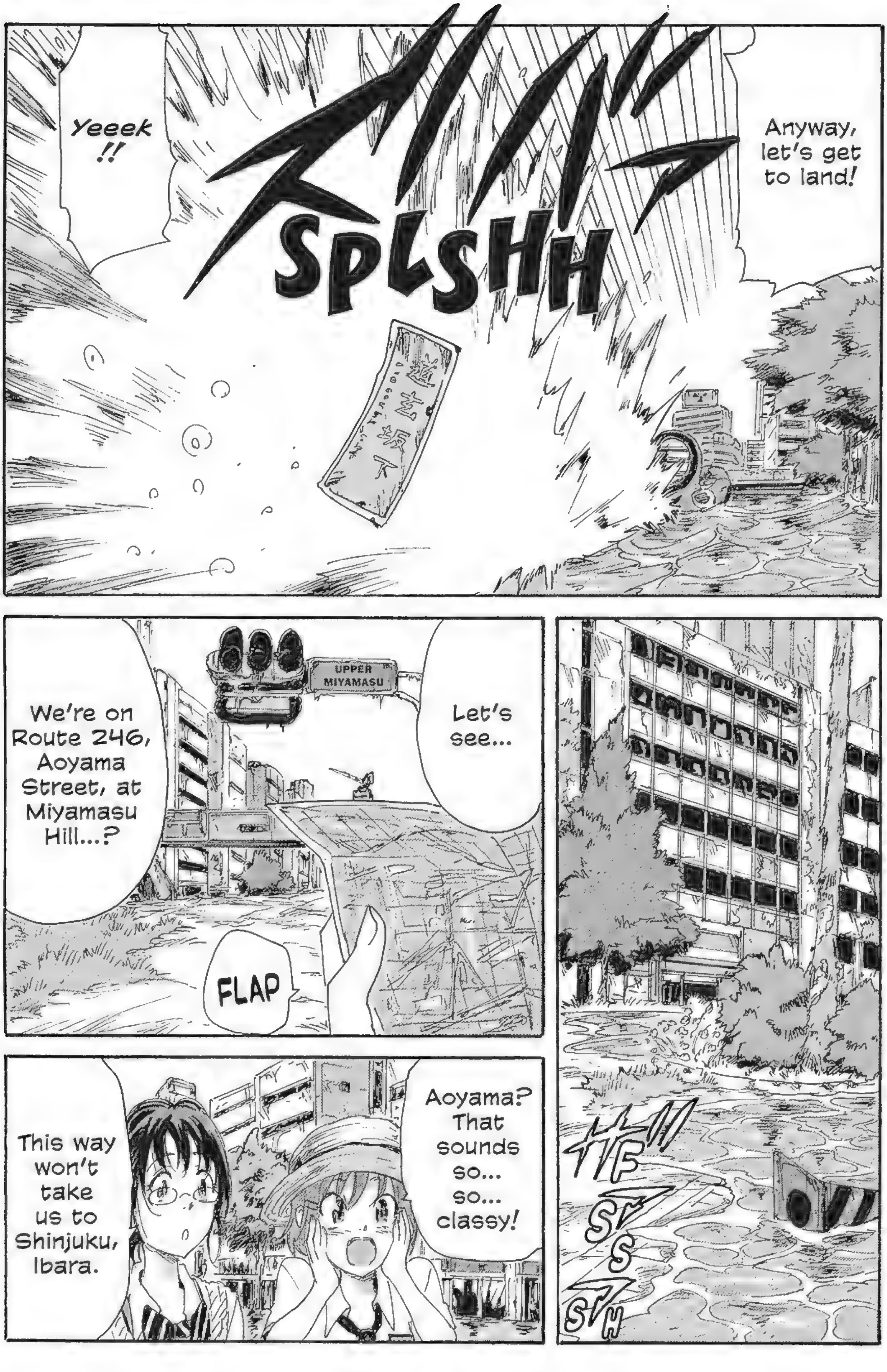

HM HM...
TRULY A SUPERIOR WEAPON.
THUNK
The rep left it.
Whoa, that's heavy. And she waves this thing around?
HRM ...?
VRR
MEISA. WHAT IS THAT RED BULLET?
This?
Ah, yeah, this is aether.
I guess it gives humans the same resistance to radiation as a Coppelion, for like five minutes or whatever.
Or was it 10?
WHAT ...?
VRR
SUCH A DRUG EXISTS?!

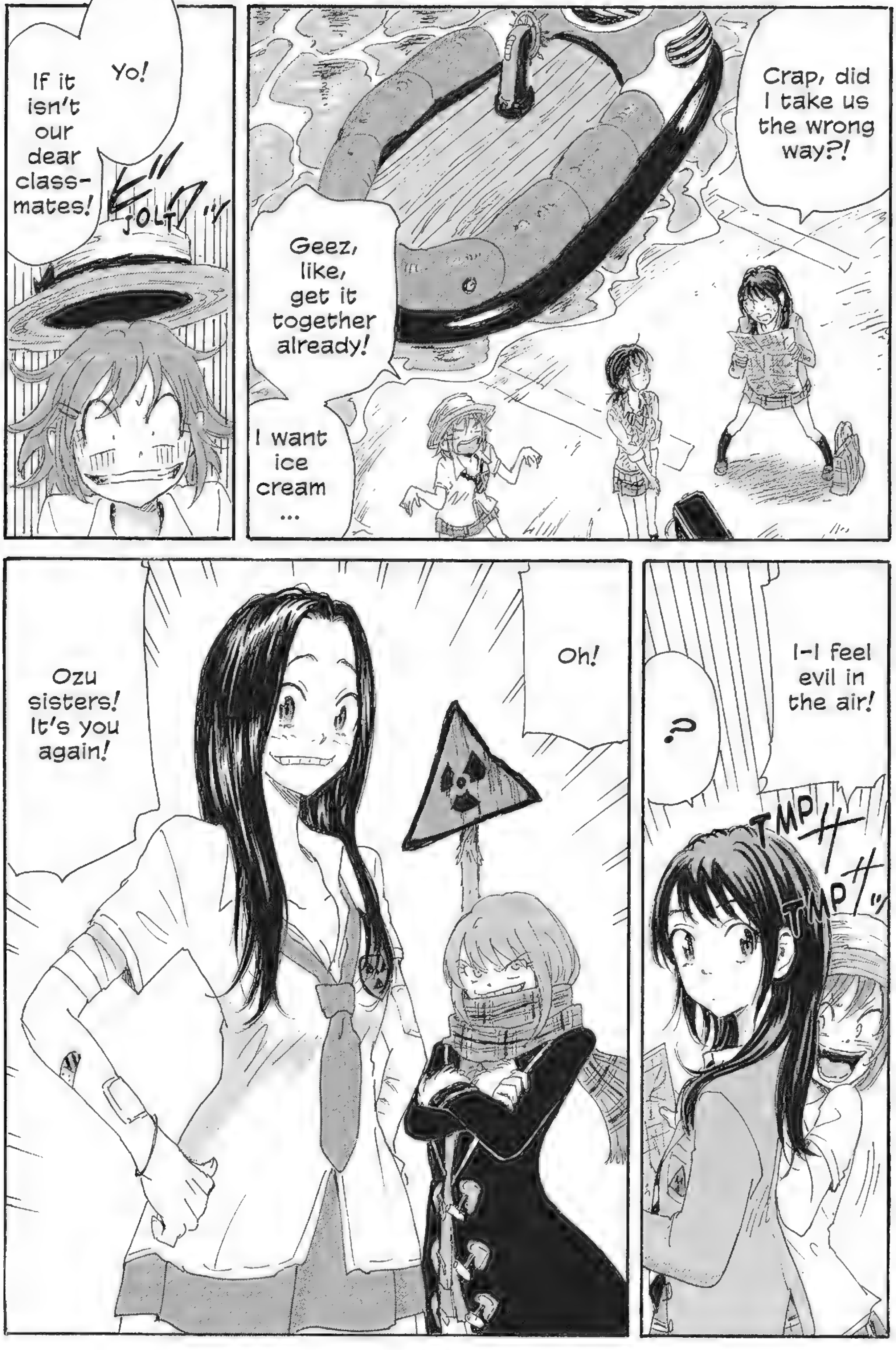

Yeah.
Uh, you didn't know? You, the great Dr. Coppelius?
AT THE VERY LEAST...
VRR
I DID NOT CREATE IT.
Uhh ...
It was Haruto Kurosawa who made it, right, Mana? That senior?
MHM MHM
OHO...
FVVT
HM HM HM... I SEE.

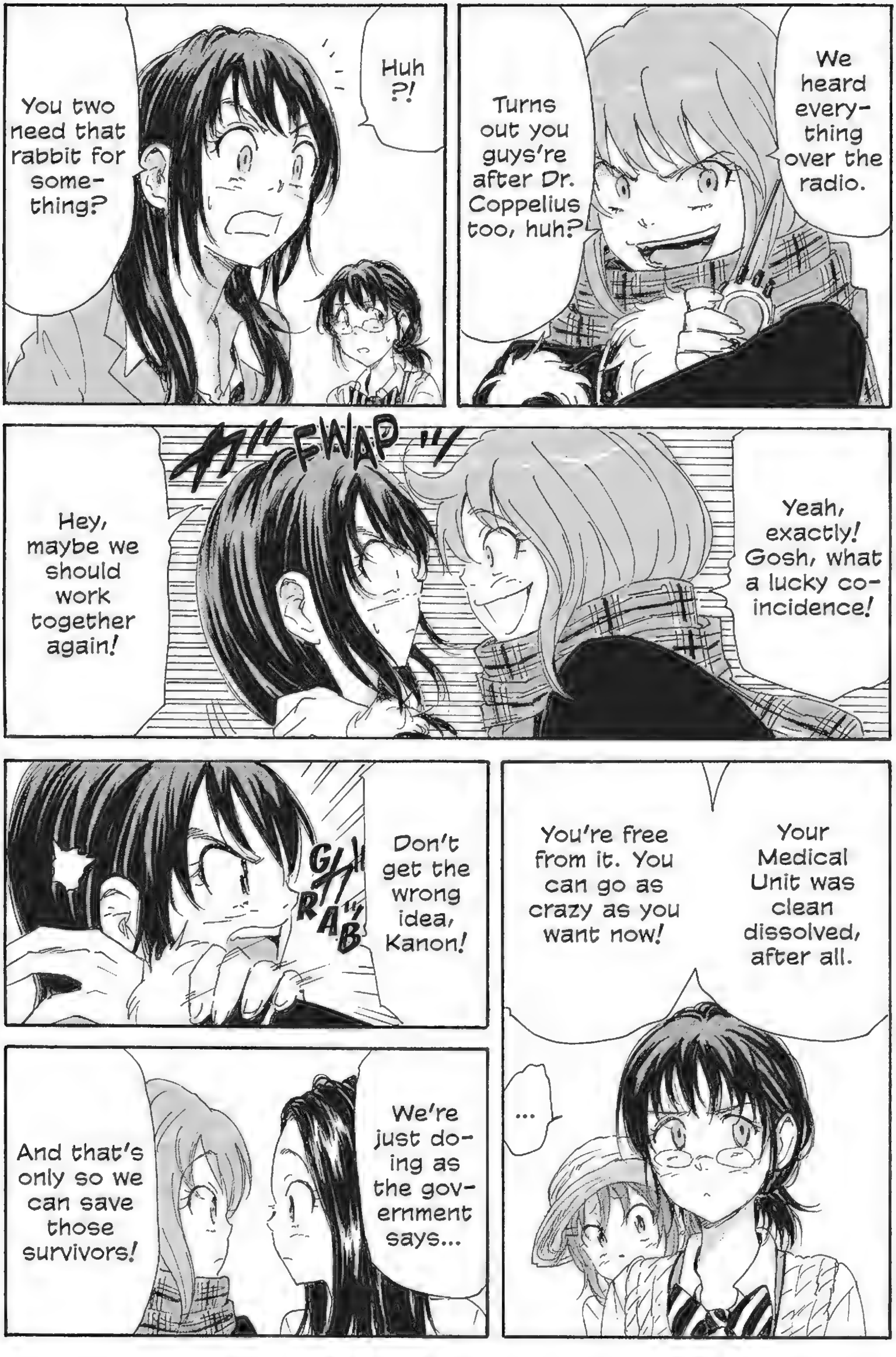

Well...
We're taking off.
You're really going?
Will you be all right? Why don't you take Asimov?
No...
The second-years radiate neutrons—exposure would be fatal to you survivors.
And... this is a problem between us Coppelion.
Come back safe, Ibara.
Don't overexert yourselves for our sakes...
Please.

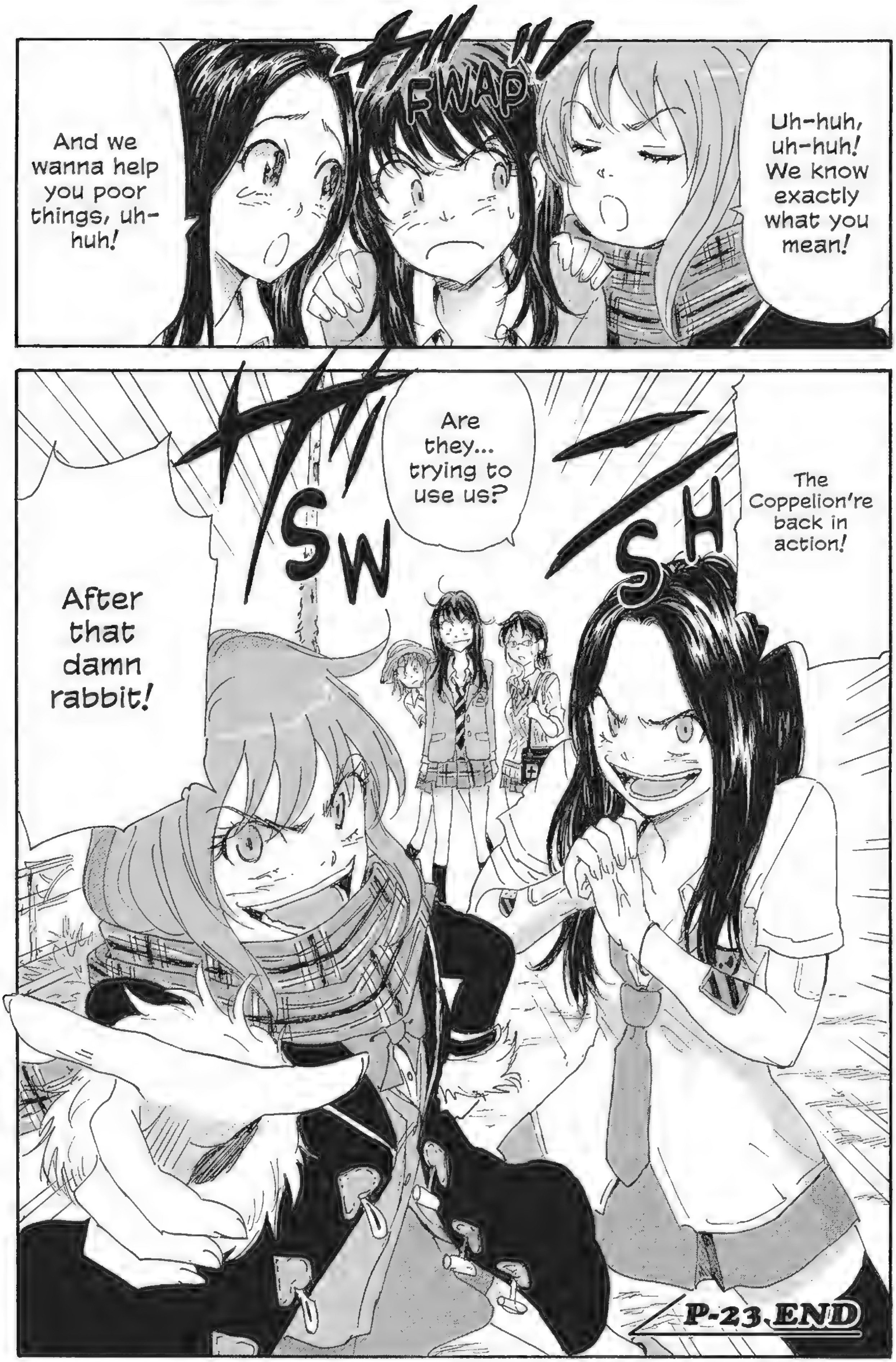

Alice.
I'm not... doing this for anyone's sake.
It's just that I wanna do it.
I mean, I wanna see everyone smiling!
Ibara...
TAKE CARE!
See you!
CLUNK
CLUNK
It feels as if we found a home.


GLUB
GLUB
Dr. Coppelius and the second-years are in City Hall in Shinjuku, yes?
Yeah.
If all goes well, at least.
GLUB
GLUB
Let's snatch that rabbit as fast as we can!
Okay!

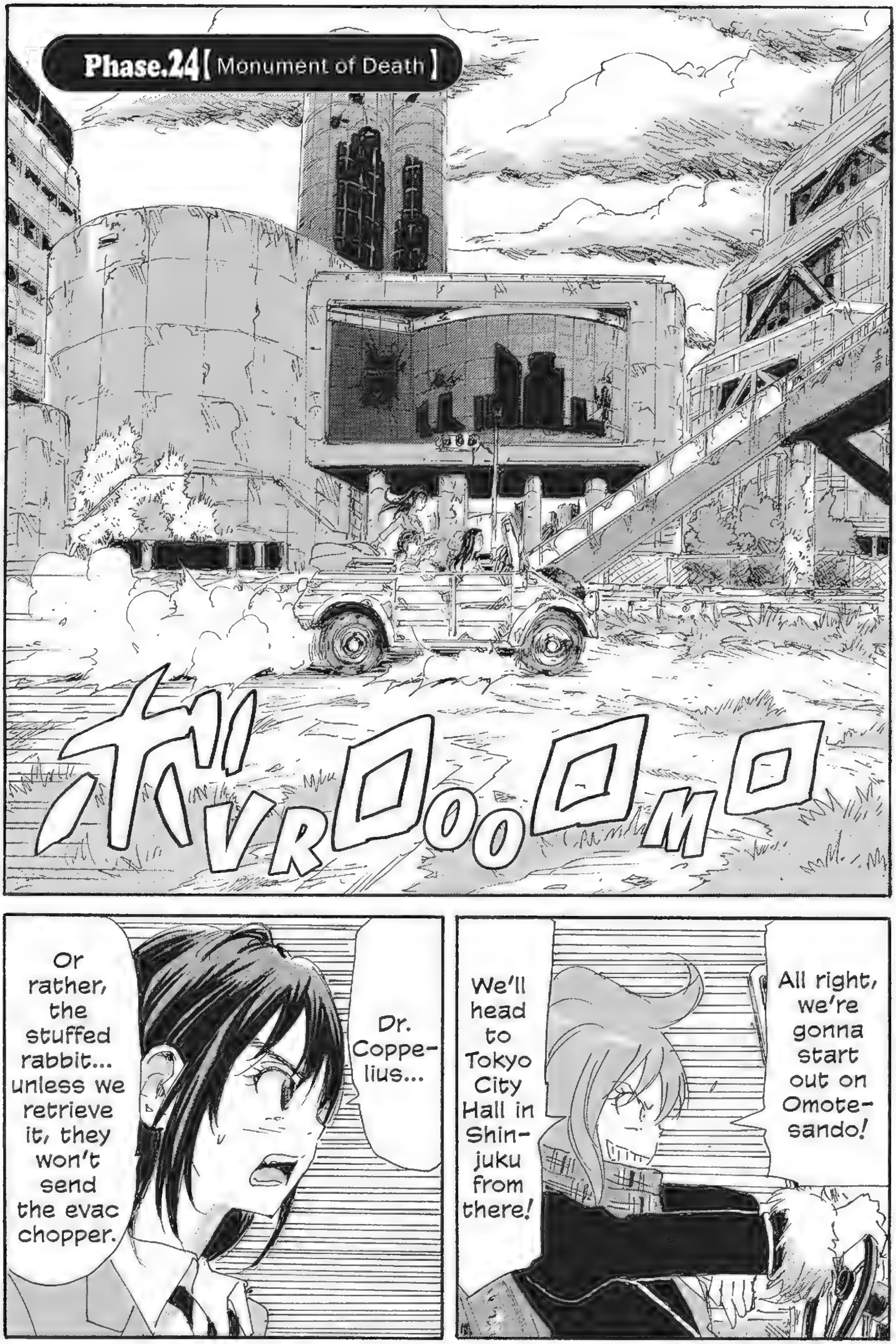

Anyway, let's get to land!
SPLSHH
Yeeek!!
道玄坂下
FSSSH
Let's see...
UPPER MIYAMASU
We're on Route 246, Aoyama Street, at Miyamasu Hill...?
FLAP
Aoyama? That sounds so... so... classy!
This way won't take us to Shinjuku, Ibara.

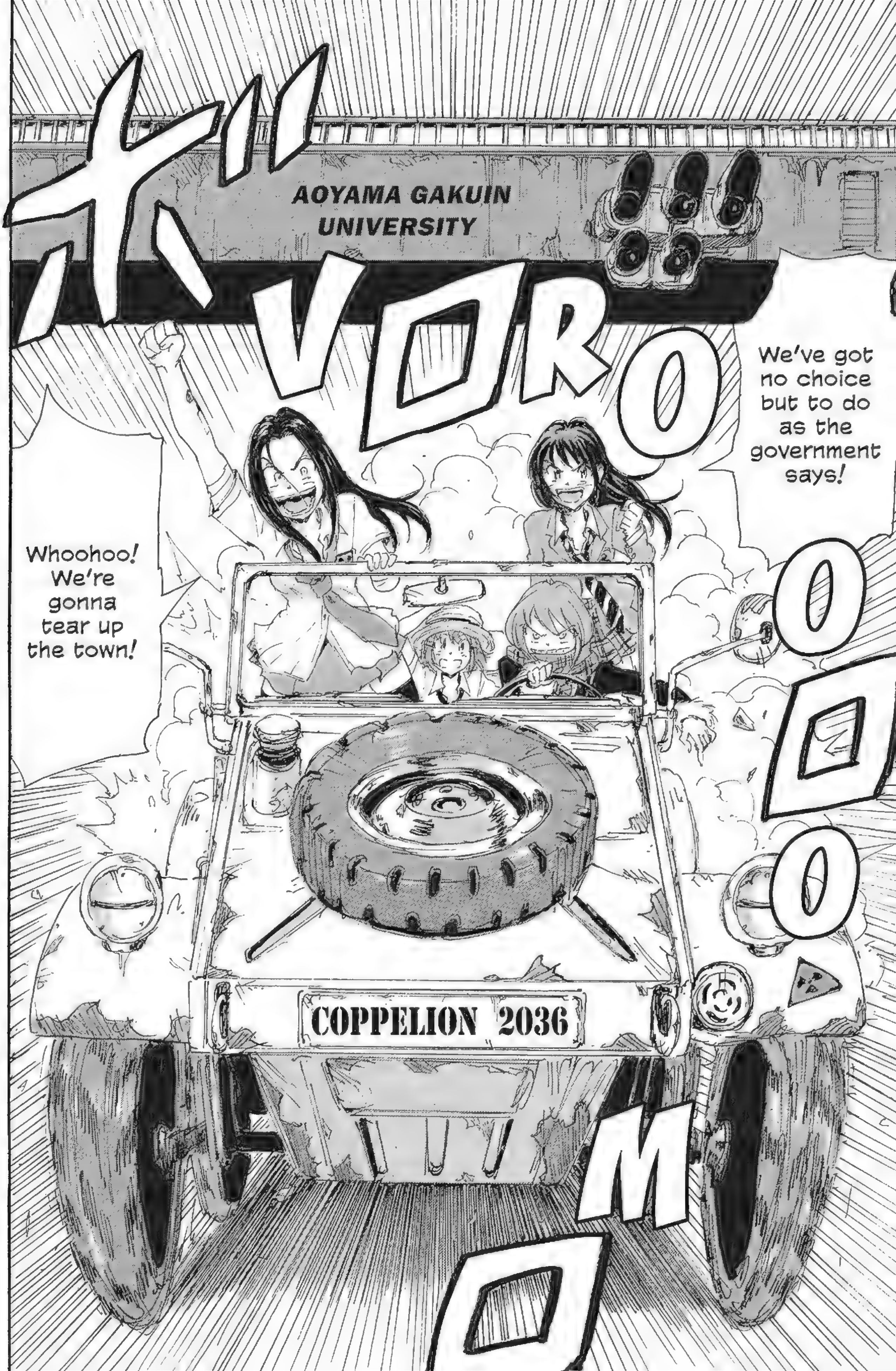

Crap, did I take us the wrong way?!
Geez, like, get it together already!
I want ice cream...
Yo!
If it isn't our dear classmates!
JOLT
I-I feel evil in the air!
?
TMP TMP
Oh!
Ozu sisters! It's you again!


We heard every-thing over the radio.
Turns out you guys're after Dr. Coppelius too, huh?
You two need that rabbit for some-thing?
Huh ?!
FWAP
Yeah, exactly! Gosh, what a lucky co-incidence!
Hey, maybe we should work together again!
Your Medical Unit was clean dissolved, after all.
You're free from it. You can go as crazy as you want now!
...
GRAB
Don't get the wrong idea, Kanon!
We're just do-ing as the gov-ernment says...
And that's only so we can save those survivors!


Uh-huh, uh-huh! We know exactly what you mean!
FWAP
And we wanna help you poor things, uh-huh!
The Coppelion're back in action!
SH
Are they... trying to use us?
SW
After that damn rabbit!
P-23.END

Phase.24 [Monument of Death]


VROOOOM
All right, we're gonna start out on Omotesando!
We'll head to Tokyo City Hall in Shinjuku from there!
Dr. Coppelius...
Or rather, the stuffed rabbit... unless we retrieve it, they won't send the evac chopper.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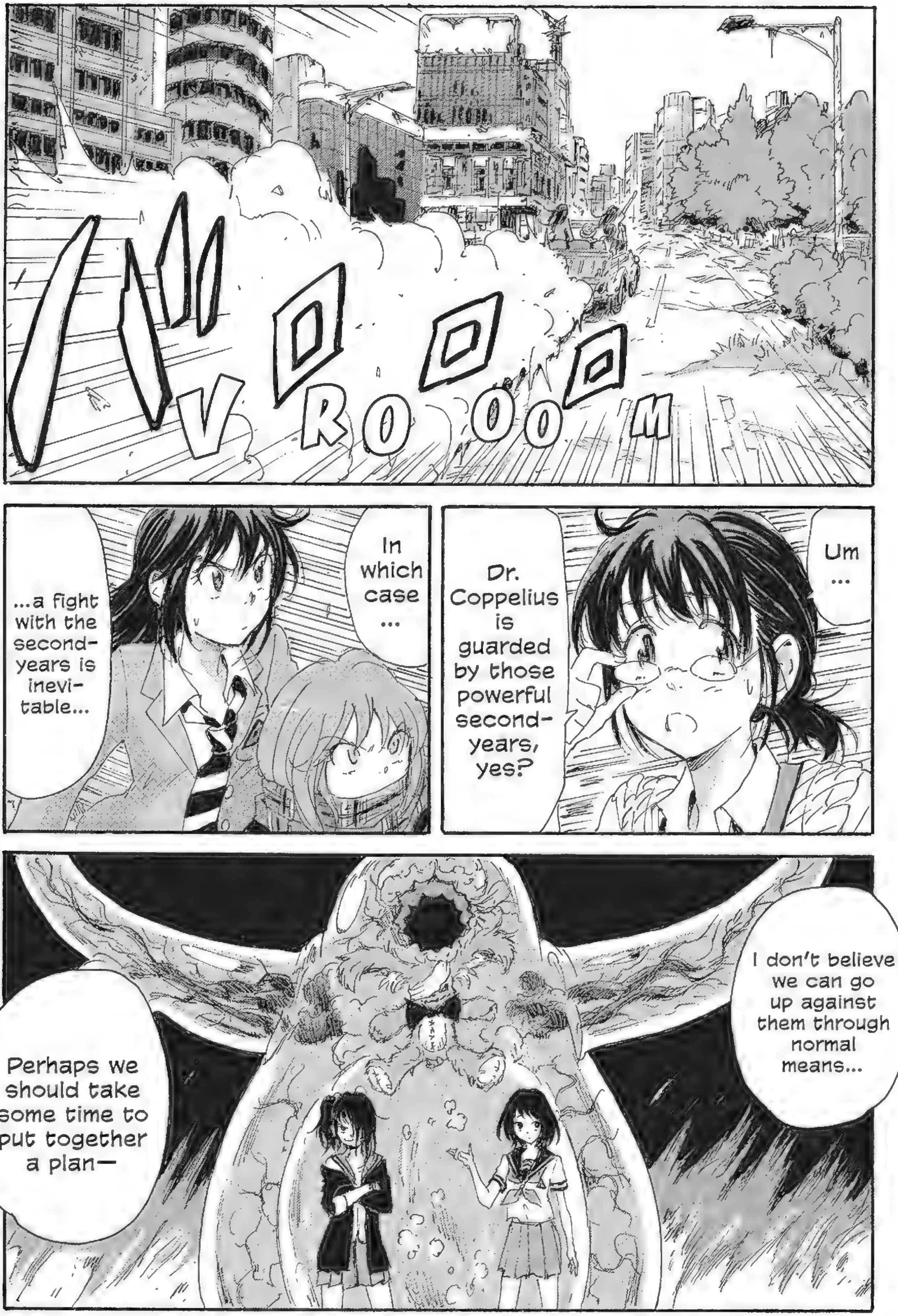
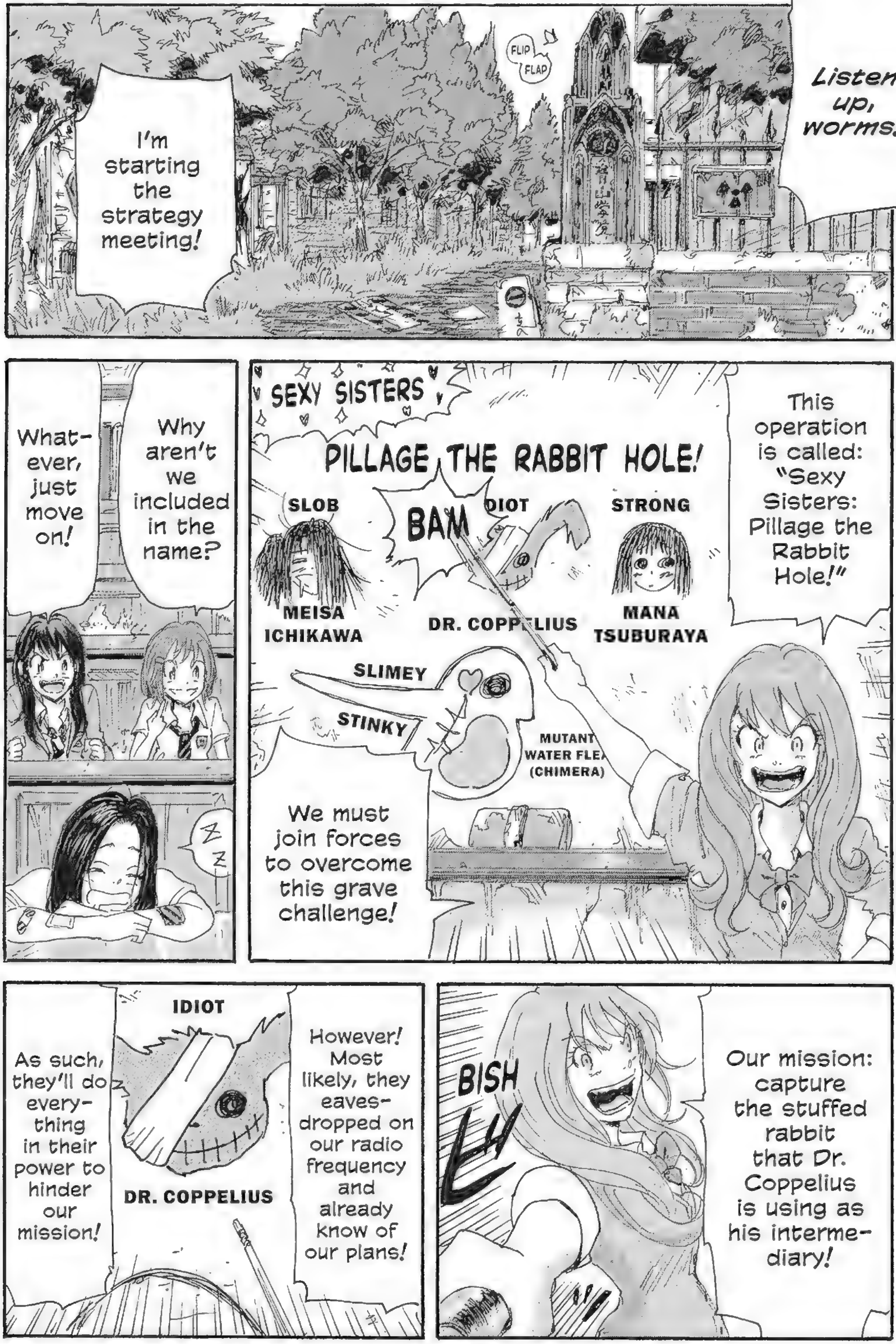
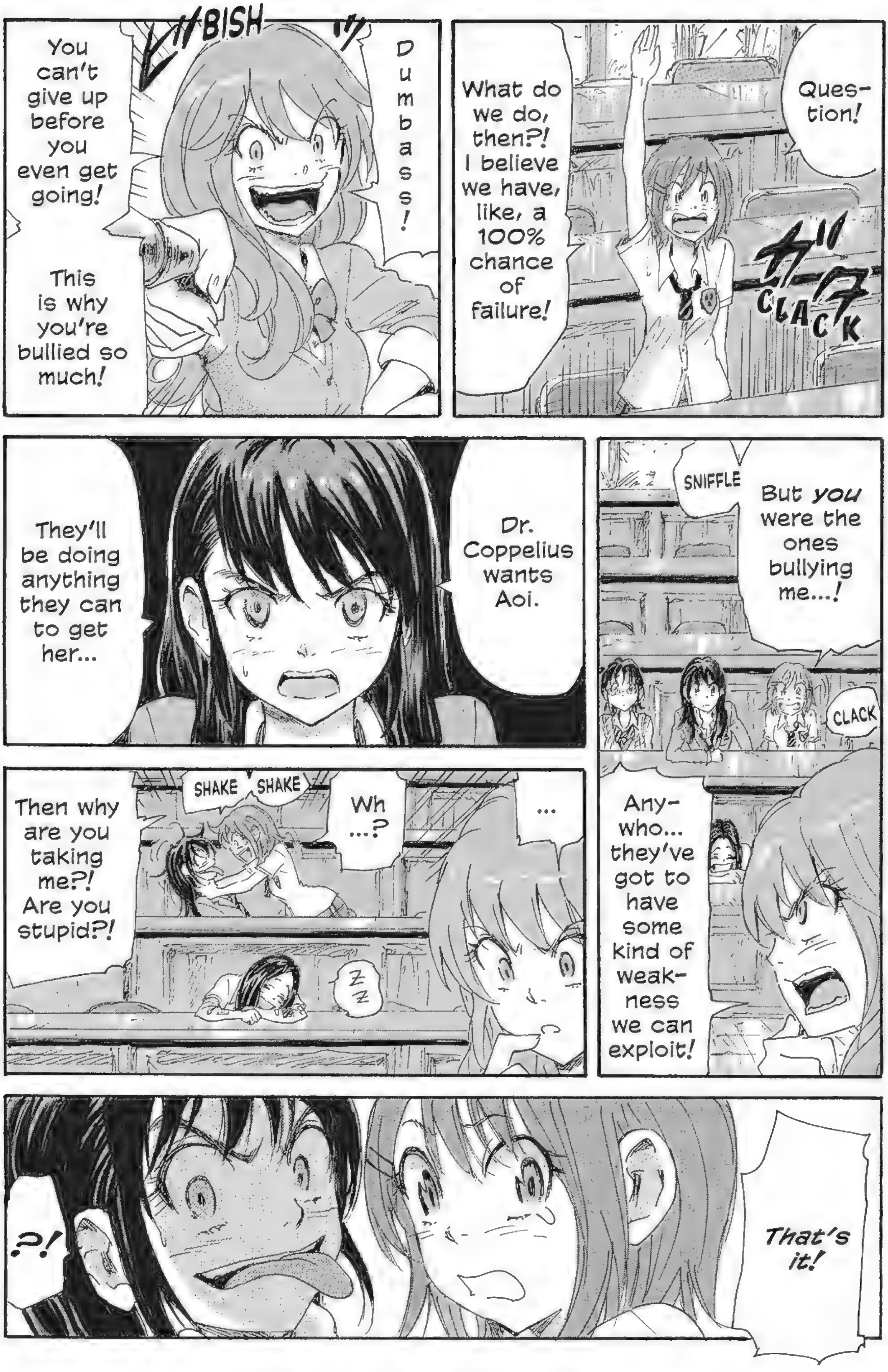
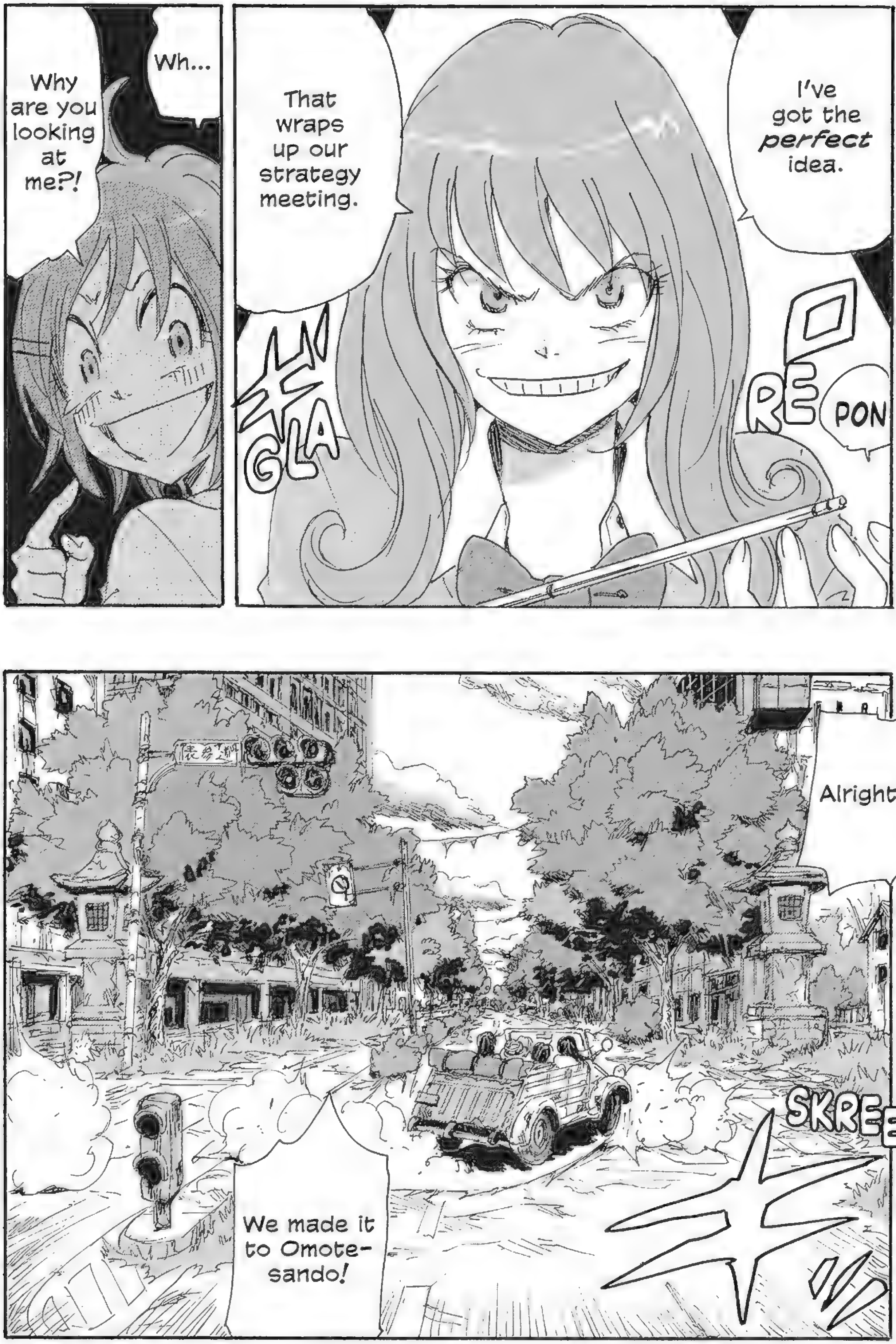
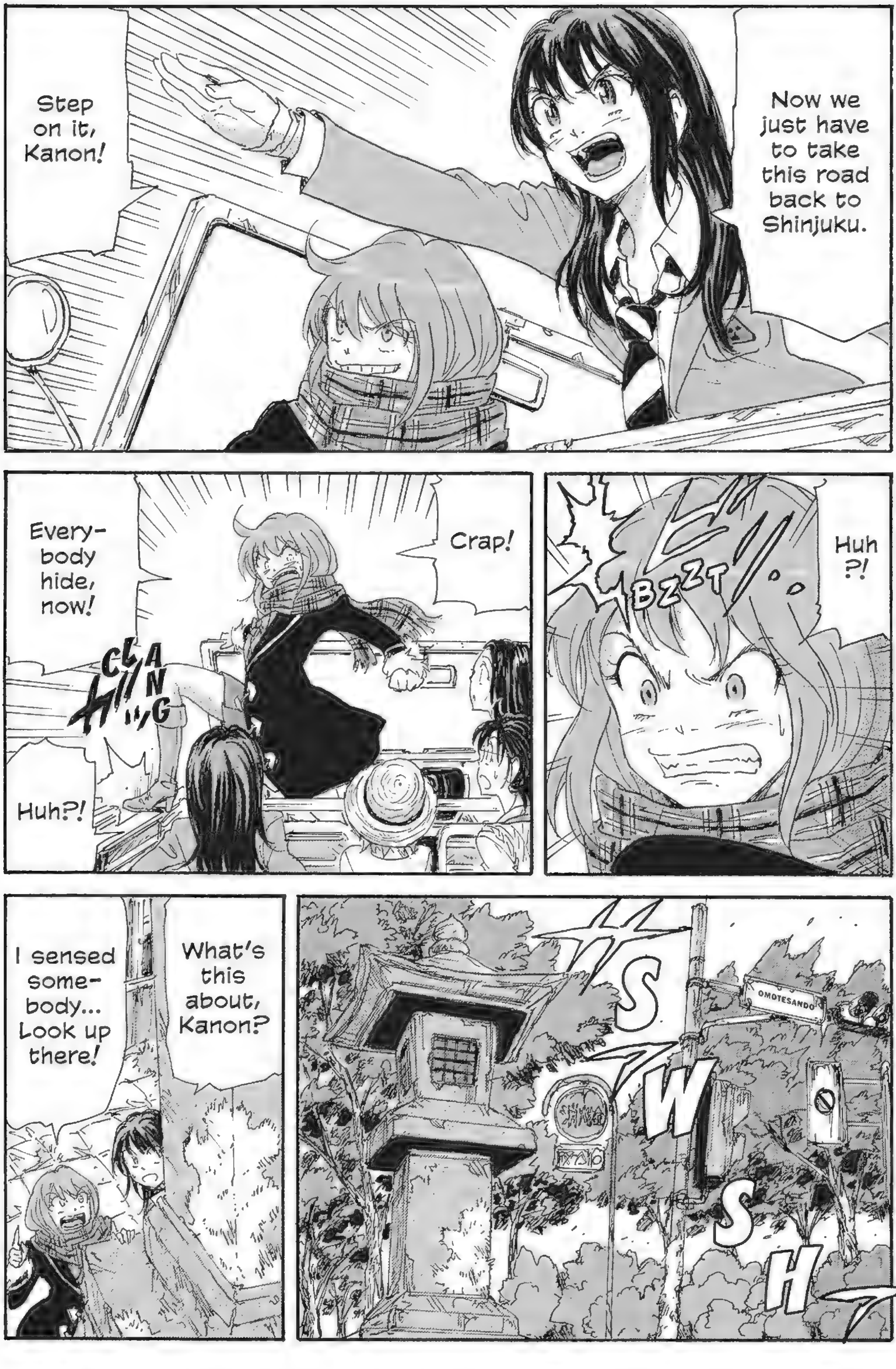
AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY
VROOOOOM
We've got no choice but to do as the government says!
Whoohoo! We're gonna tear up the town!
COPPELION 2036

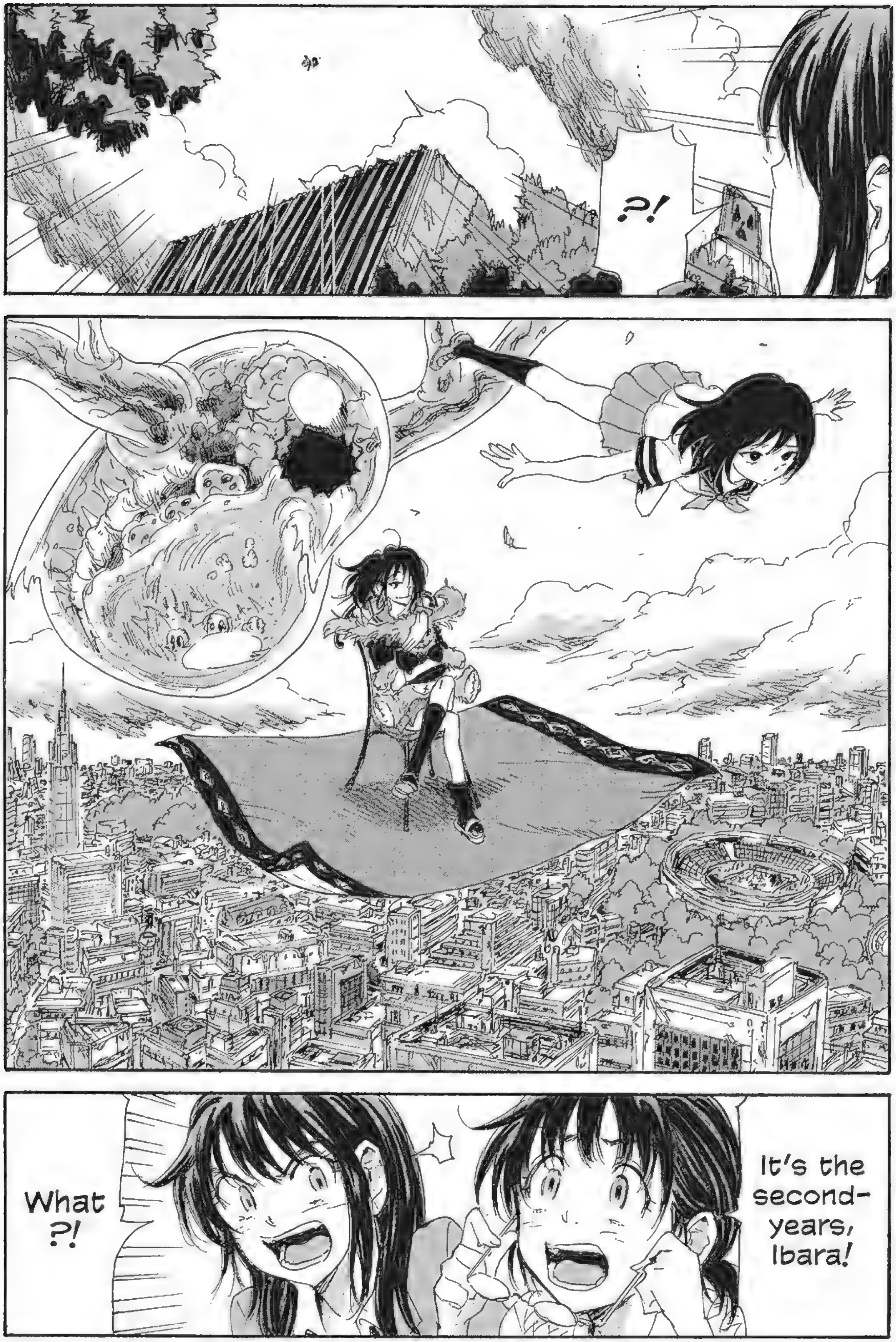

VROOOM
Um ...
Dr. Coppelius is guarded by those powerful second-years, yes?
In which case ...
...a fight with the second-years is inevitable...
I don't believe we can go up against them through normal means...
Perhaps we should take some time to put together a plan—

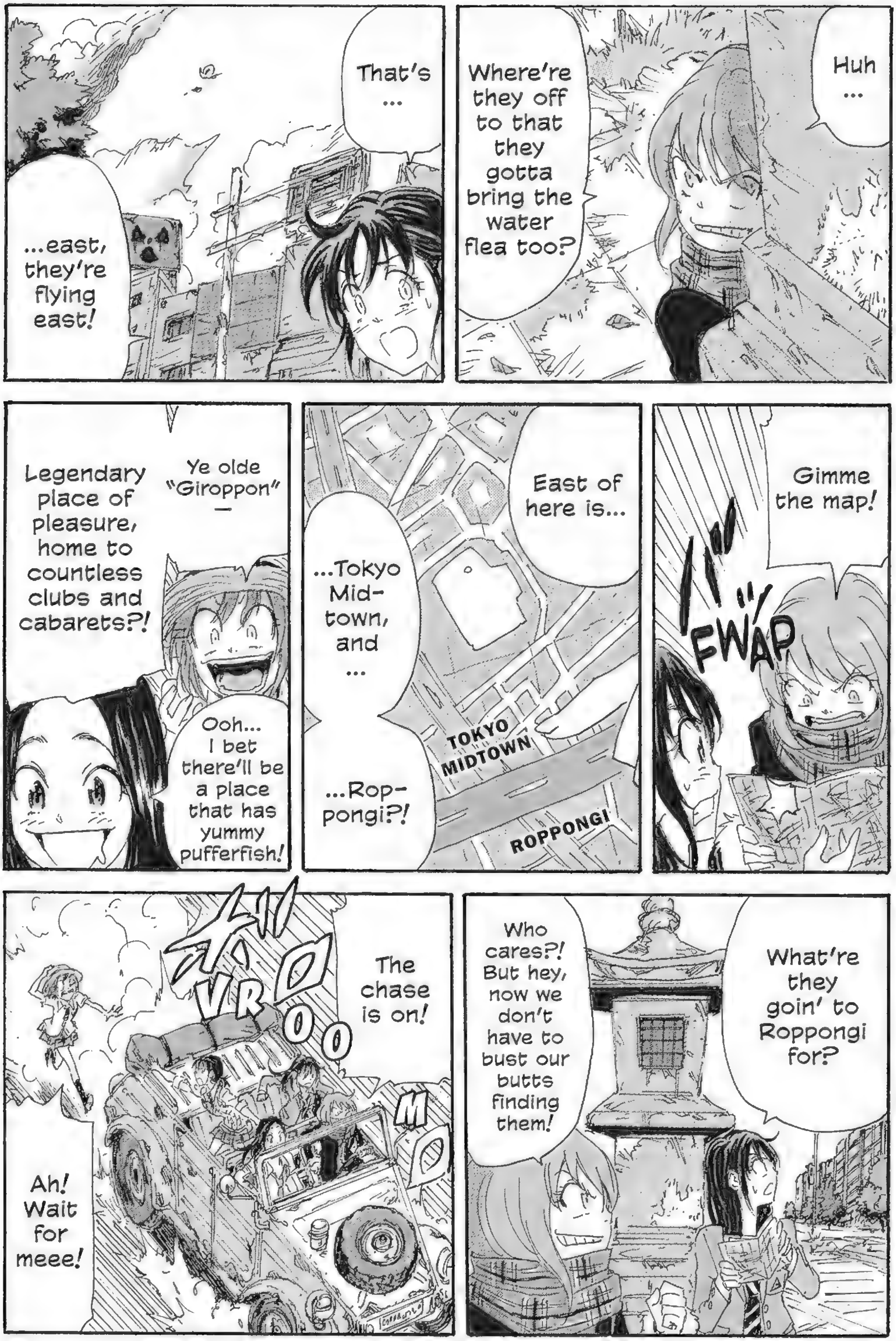

Listen up, worms!
FLIP
FLAP
I'm starting the strategy meeting!
This operation is called: "Sexy Sisters: Pillage the Rabbit Hole!"
SEXY SISTERS,
PILLAGE THE RABBIT HOLE!
STRONG
MANA TSUBURAYA
IDIOT
BAM
DR. COPPELIUS
SLOB
MEISA ICHIKAWA
SLIMEY
STINKY
MUTANT WATER FLEA (CHIMERA)
We must join forces to overcome this grave challenge!
Why aren't we included in the name?
Whatever, just move on!
Z
Z
Our mission: capture the stuffed rabbit that Dr. Coppelius is using as his intermediary!
BISH
However! Most likely, they eavesdropped on our radio frequency and already know of our plans!
IDIOT
DR. COPPELIUS
As such, they'll do everything in their power to hinder our mission!

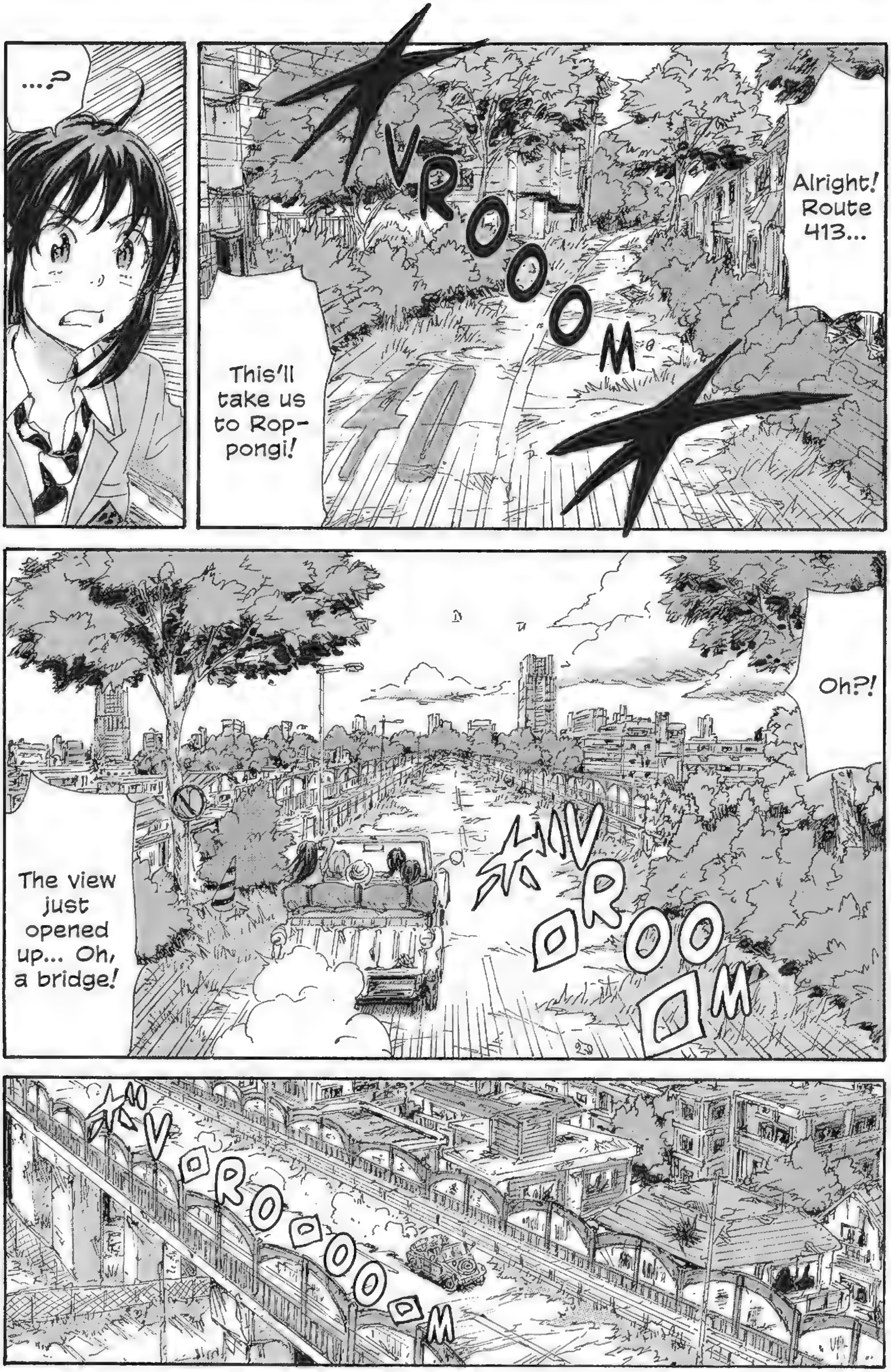

Question!
What do we do, then?! I believe we have, like, a 100% chance of failure!
CLACK
Dumbass!
BISH
You can't give up before you even get going!
This is why you're bullied so much!
SNIFFLE
But you were the ones bullying me...!
CLACK
Dr. Coppelius wants Aoi.
They'll be doing anything they can to get her...
Any-who... they've got to have some kind of weak-ness we can exploit!
...
Wh...?
SHAKE SHAKE
Then why are you taking me?! Are you stupid?!
ZZ
That's it!
?!

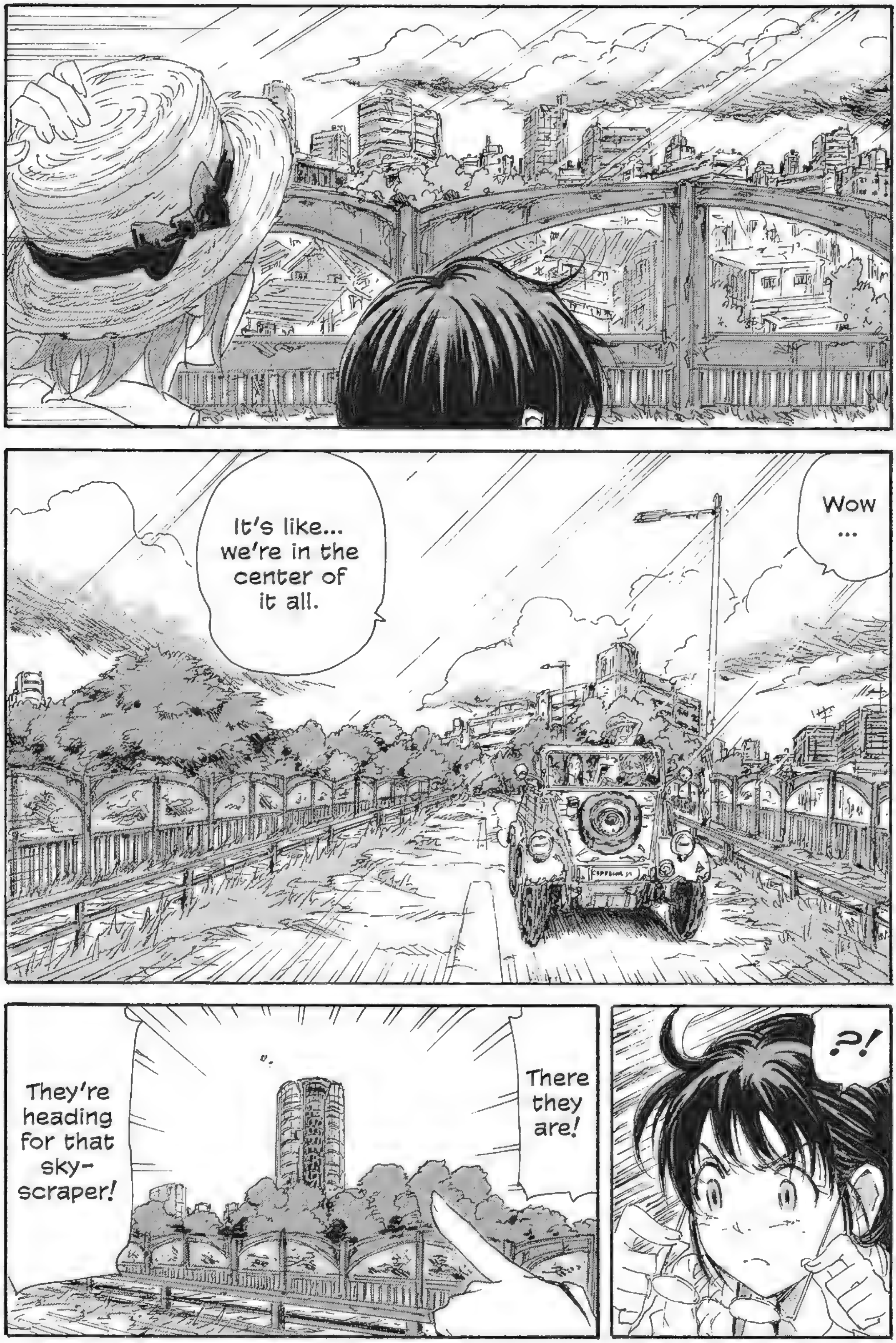

I've got the *perfect* idea.
PON
RE
D
That wraps up our strategy meeting.
GLA
Wh...
Why are you looking at me?!
Alright!
SKREE
We made it to Omote-sando!

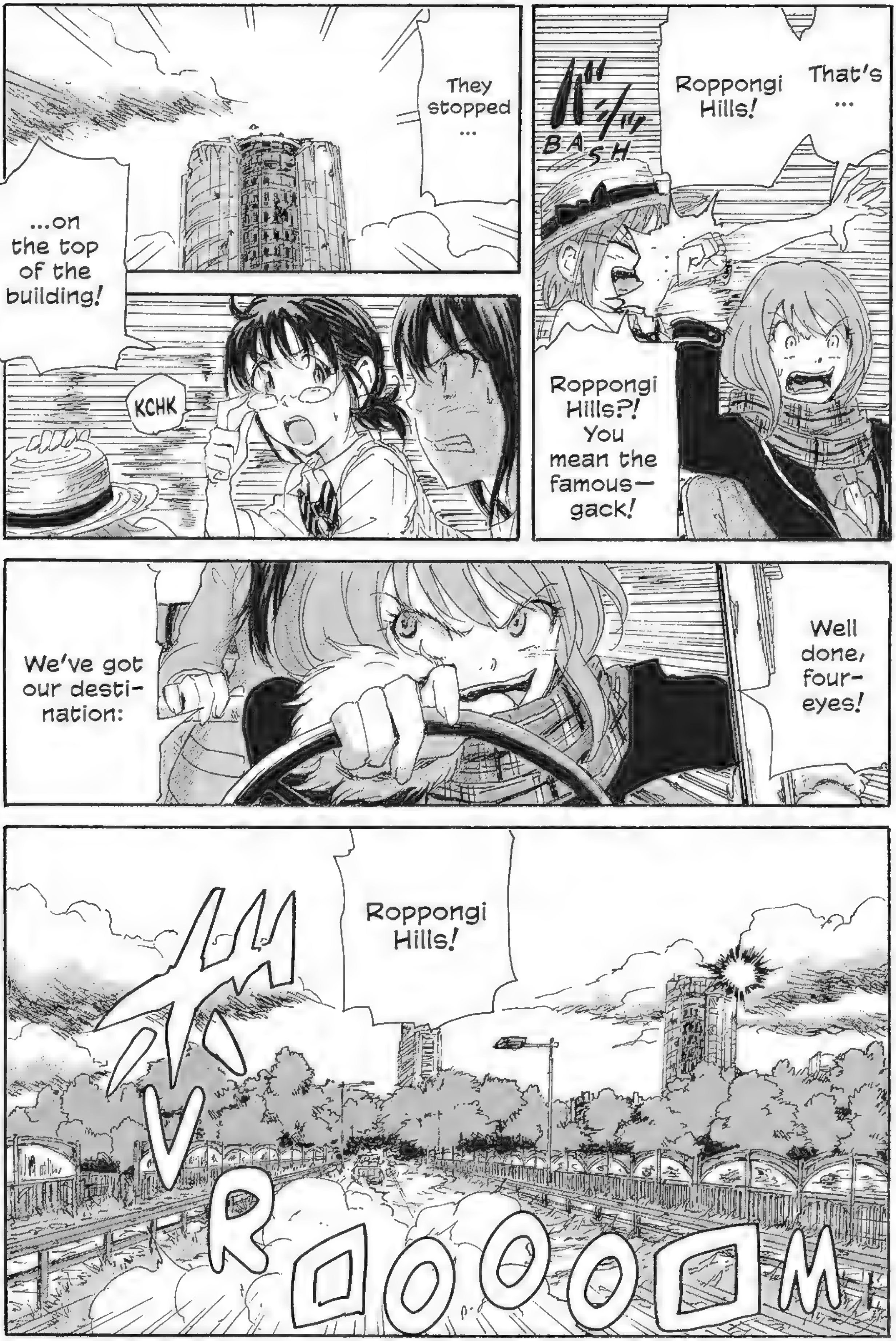

Now we just have to take this road back to Shinjuku.
Step on it, Kanon!
Huh?!
BZZT
Crap!
Every-body hide, now!
CLANG
Huh?!
SWISH
OMOTESANDO
What's this about, Kanon?
I sensed some-body... Look up there!

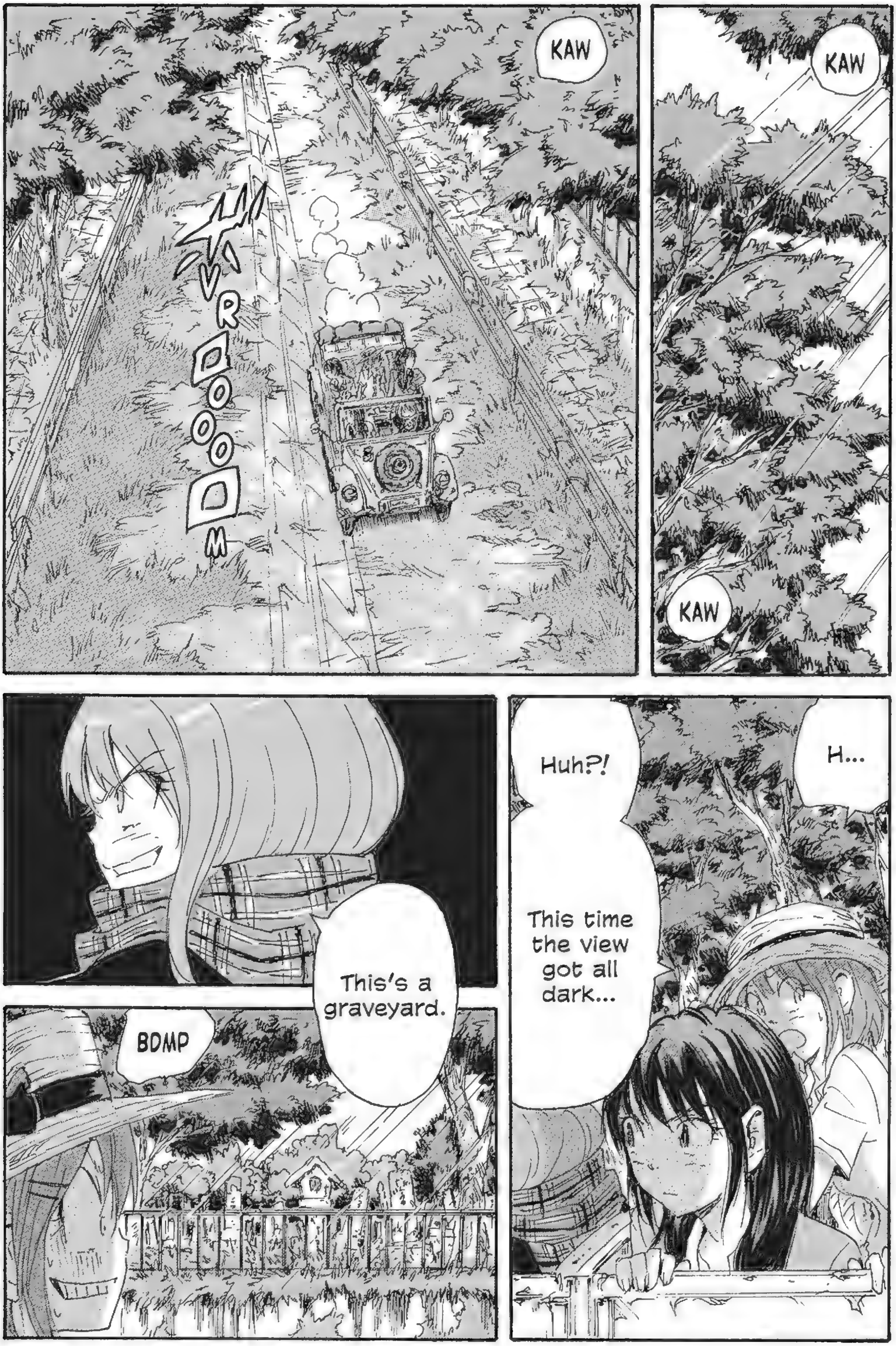

?!
It's the second-years, Ibara!
What ?!

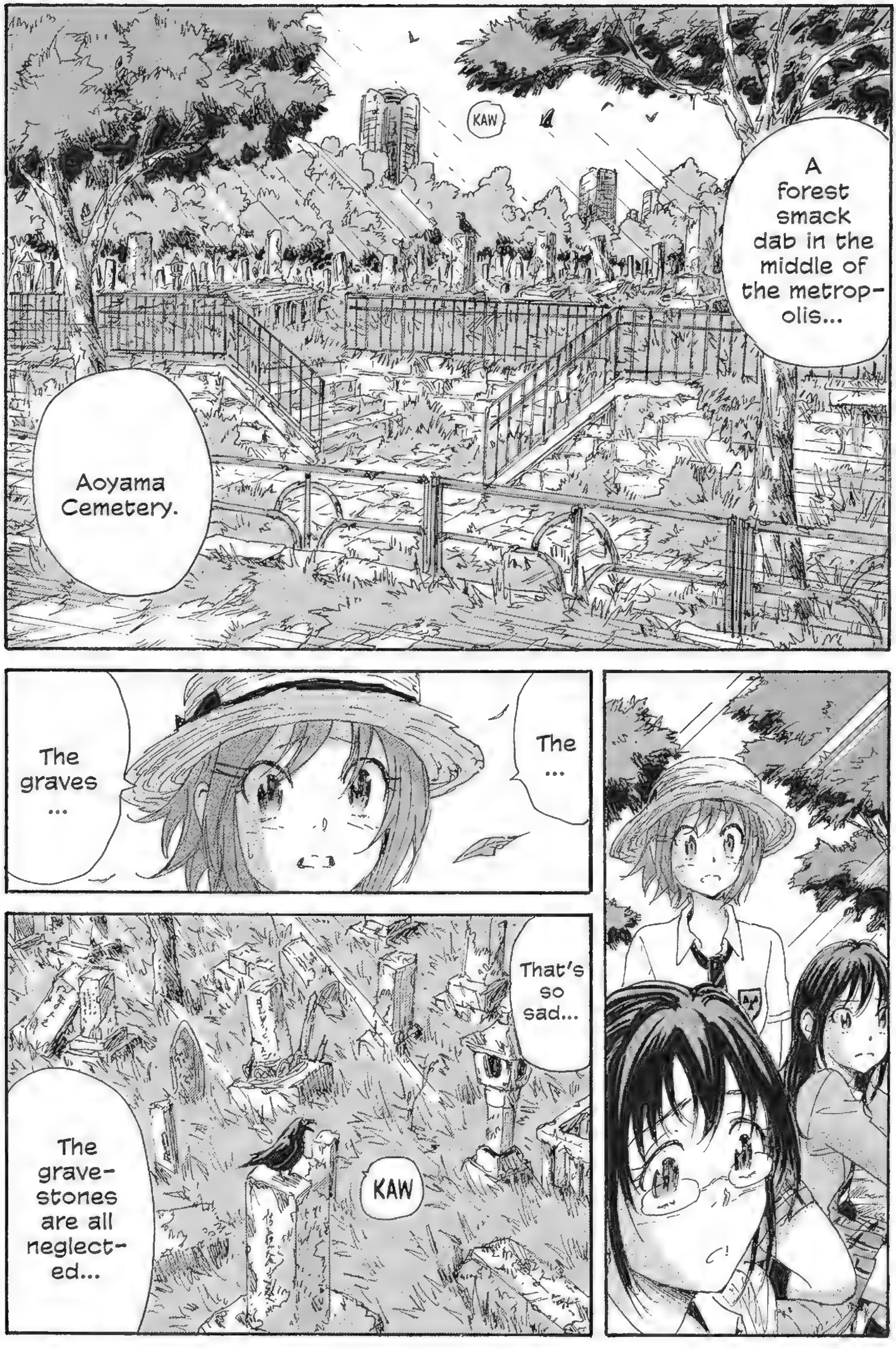

Huh ...
Where're they off to that they gotta bring the water flea too?
That's ...
...east, they're flying east!
Gimme the map!
FWAP
East of here is...
...Tokyo Midtown, and ...
...Roppongi?!
TOKYO MIDTOWN
ROPPONGI
Ye olde "Giroppon" —
Legendary place of pleasure, home to countless clubs and cabarets?!
Ooh... I bet there'll be a place that has yummy pufferfish!
What're they goin' to Roppongi for?
Who cares?! But hey, now we don't have to bust our butts finding them!
The chase is on!
VROOOOM
Ah! Wait for meee!

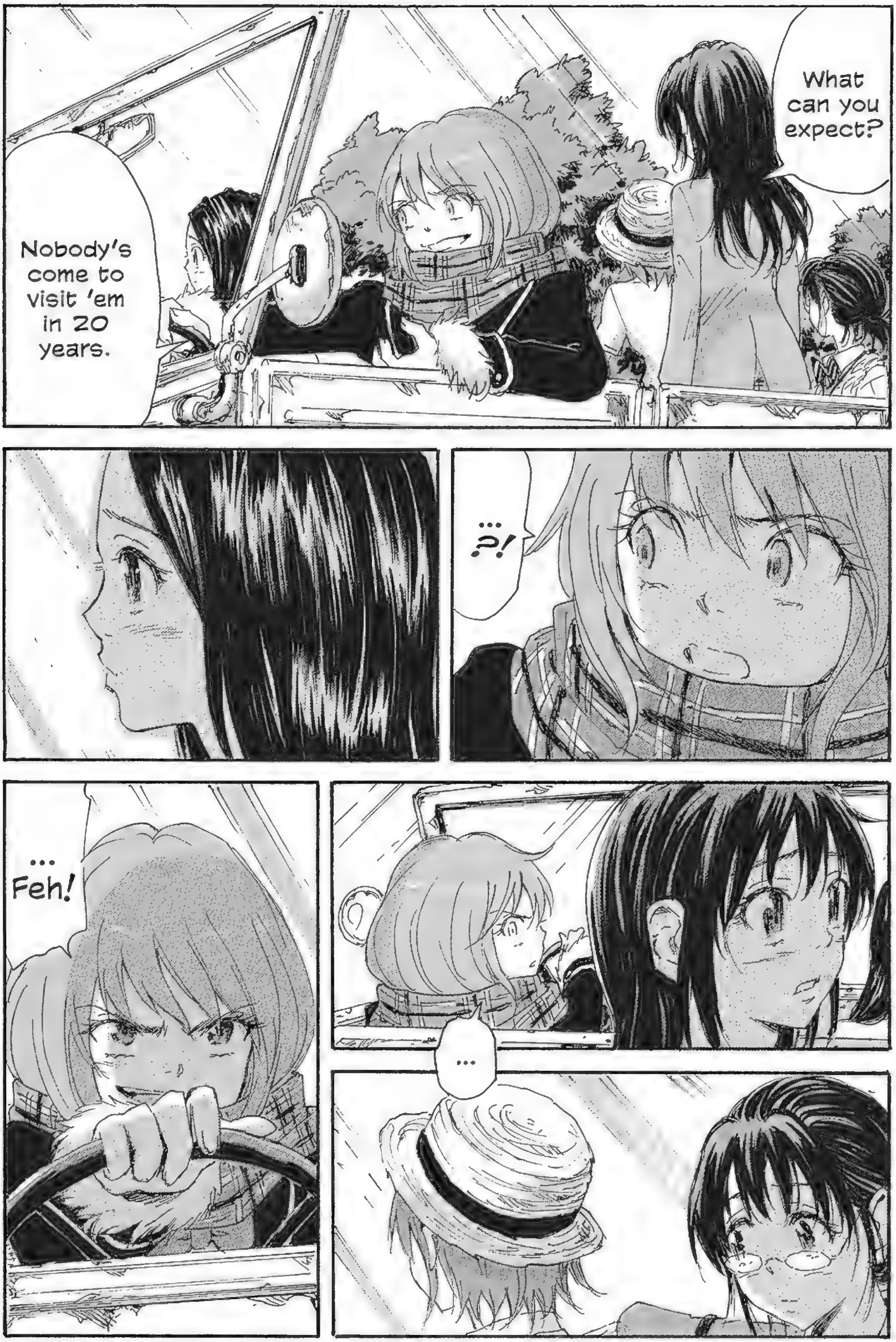

Alright! Route 413...
This'll take us to Roppongi!
VROOOOM
40
...?
Oh?!
The view just opened up... Oh, a bridge!
VROOOM
VROOOOOOM

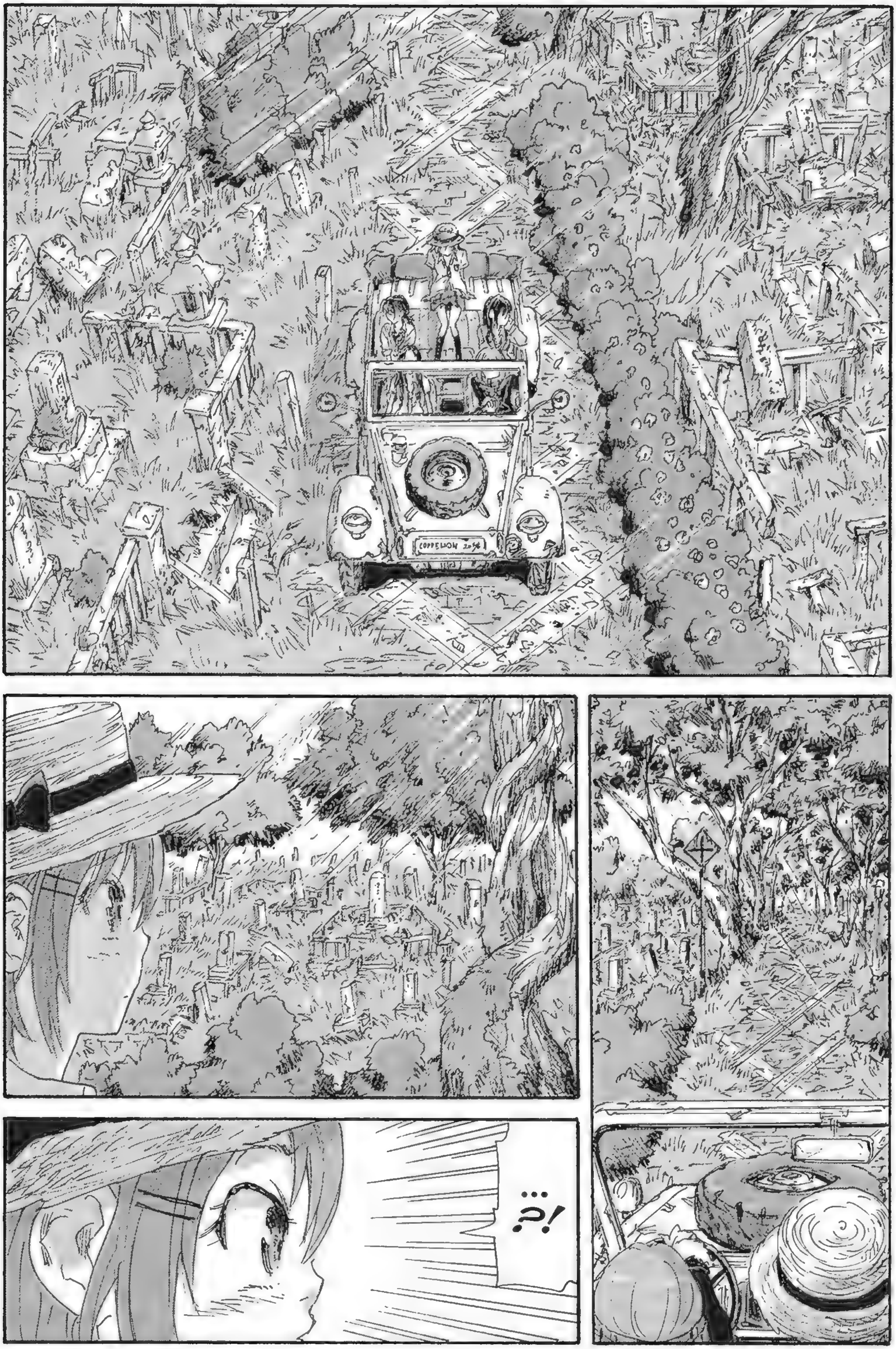

Wow...
It's like... we're in the center of it all.
?!
There they are!
They're heading for that sky-scraper!


They stopped …
…on the top of the building!
KCHK
That's …
Roppongi Hills!
BASH
Roppongi Hills?! You mean the famous—gack!
Well done, four-eyes!
We've got our destination:
Roppongi Hills!
VROOOOOM


KAW
KAW
KAW
VROOOOOM
H...
Huh?!
This time the view got all dark...
This's a graveyard.
BDMP


A forest smack dab in the middle of the metropolis...
KAW
Aoyama Cemetery.
The...
The graves...
That's so sad...
KAW
The gravestones are all neglected...


What can you expect?
Nobody's come to visit 'em in 20 years.
...?!
...
...Feh!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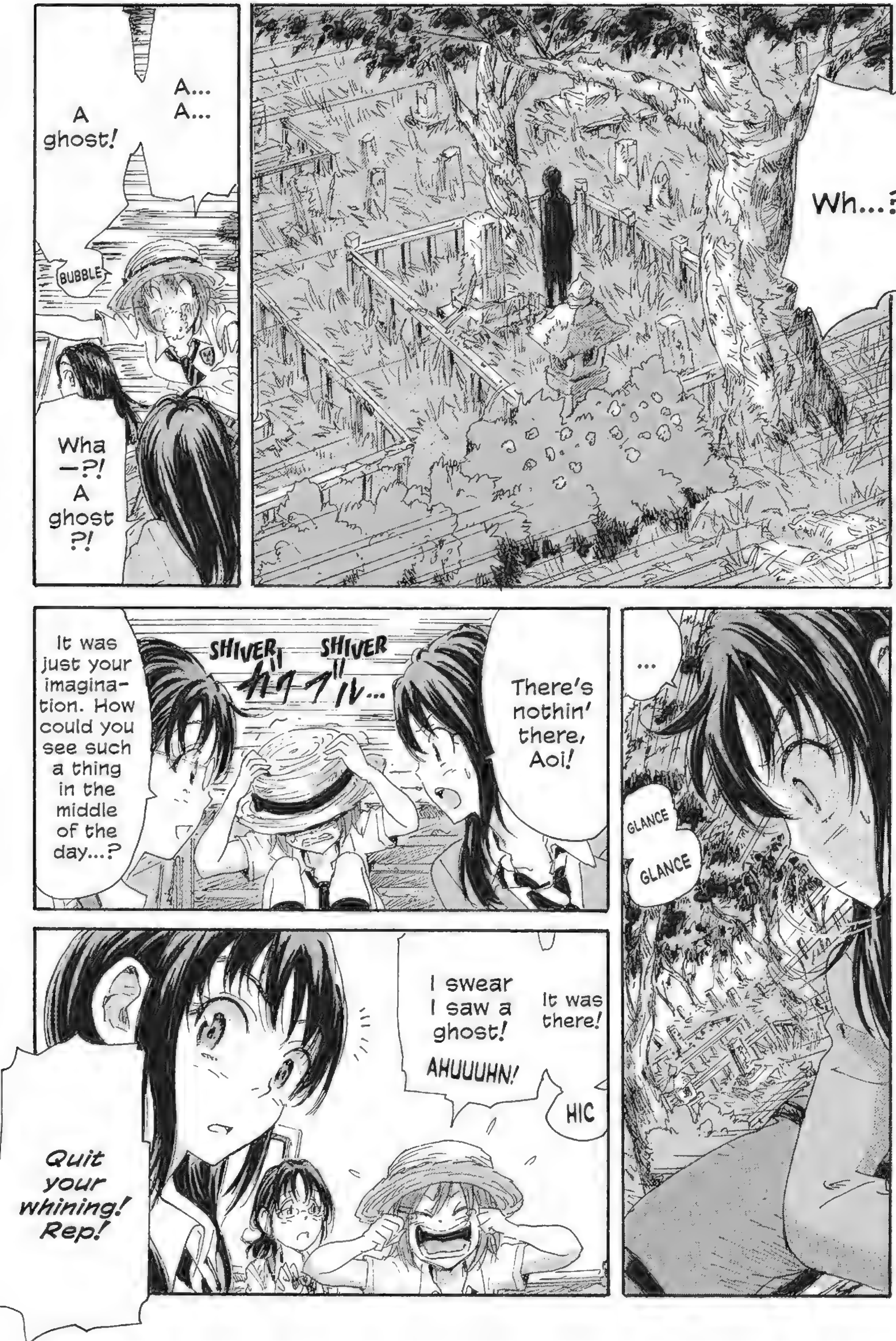
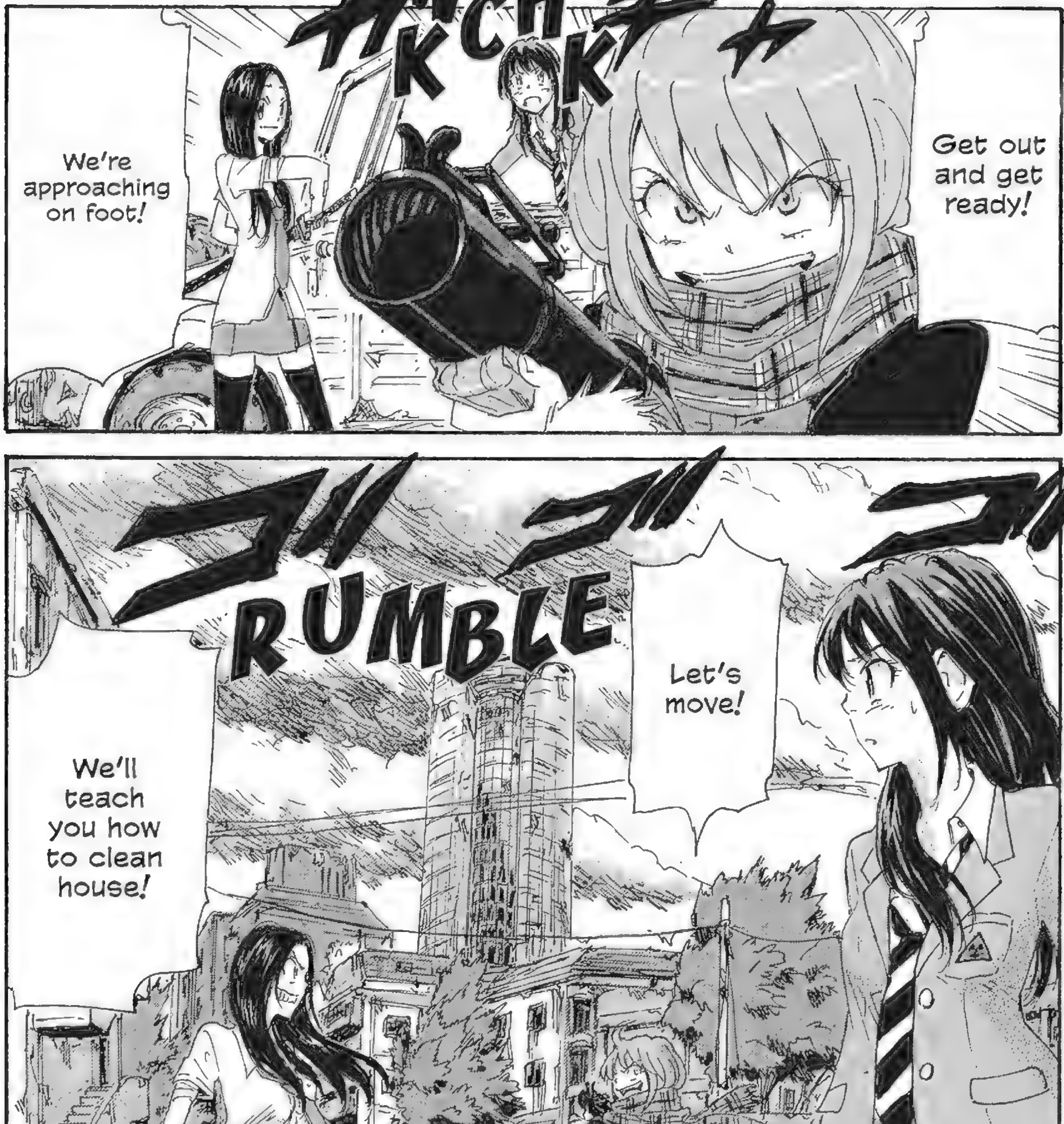
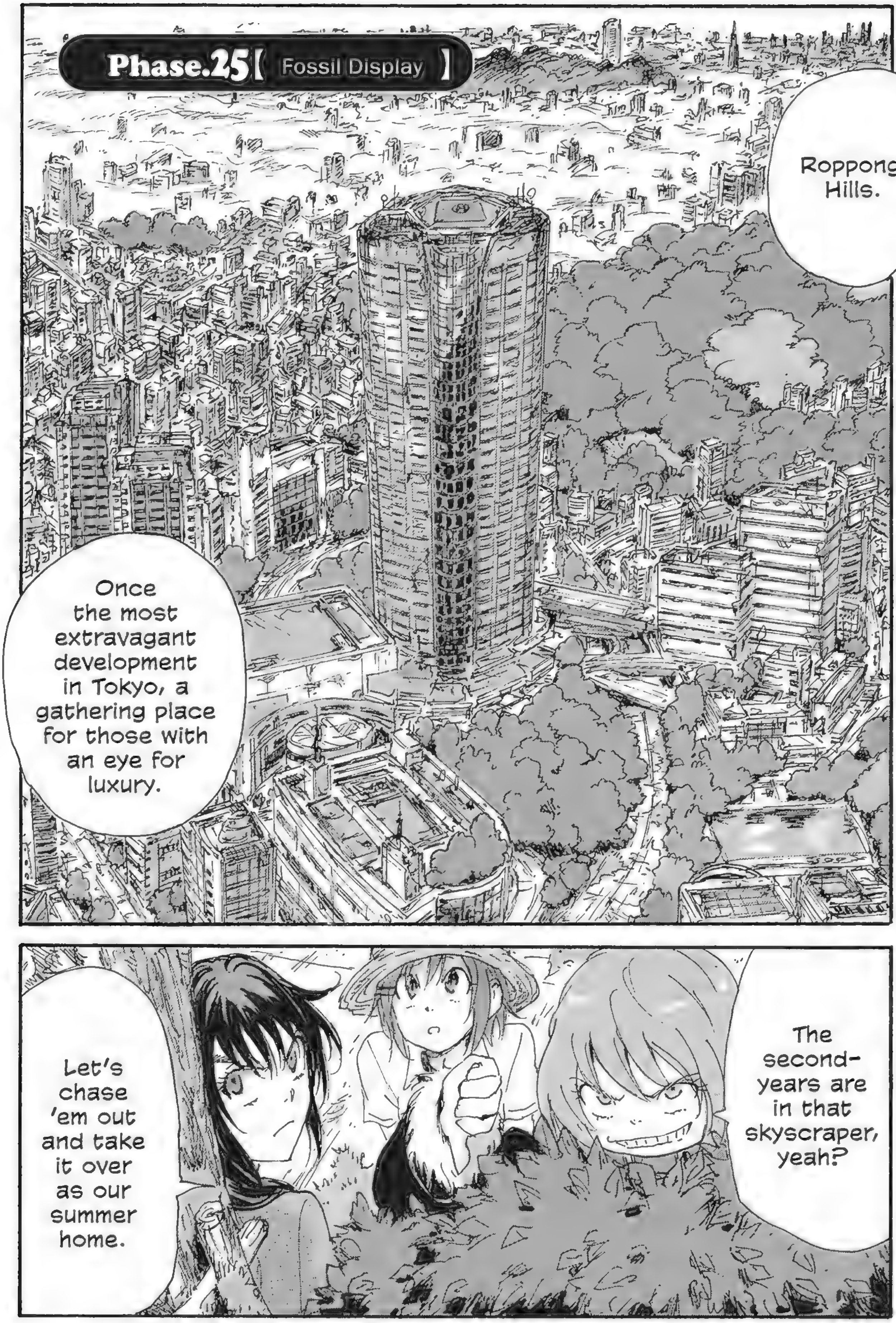
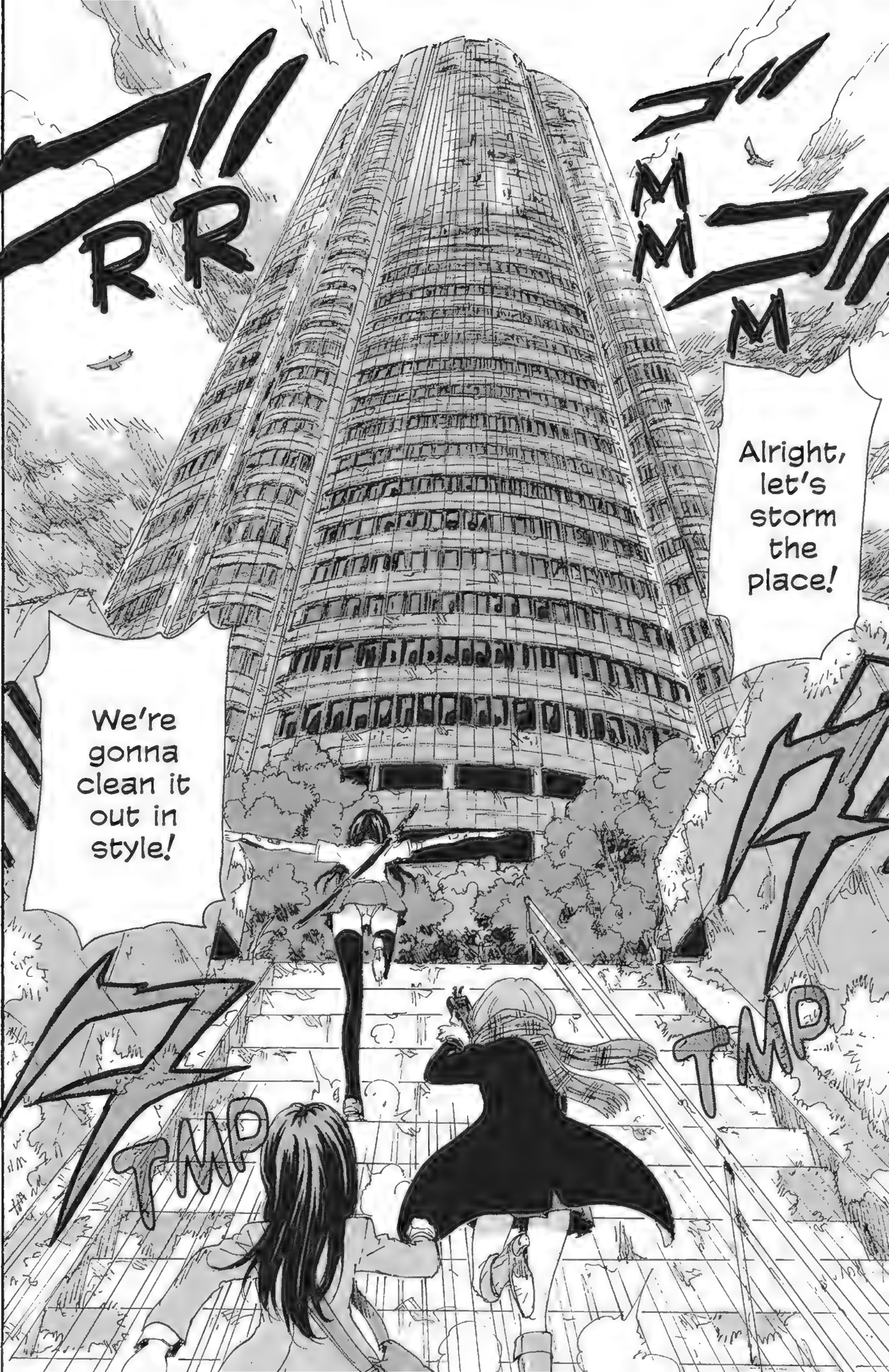
…?!

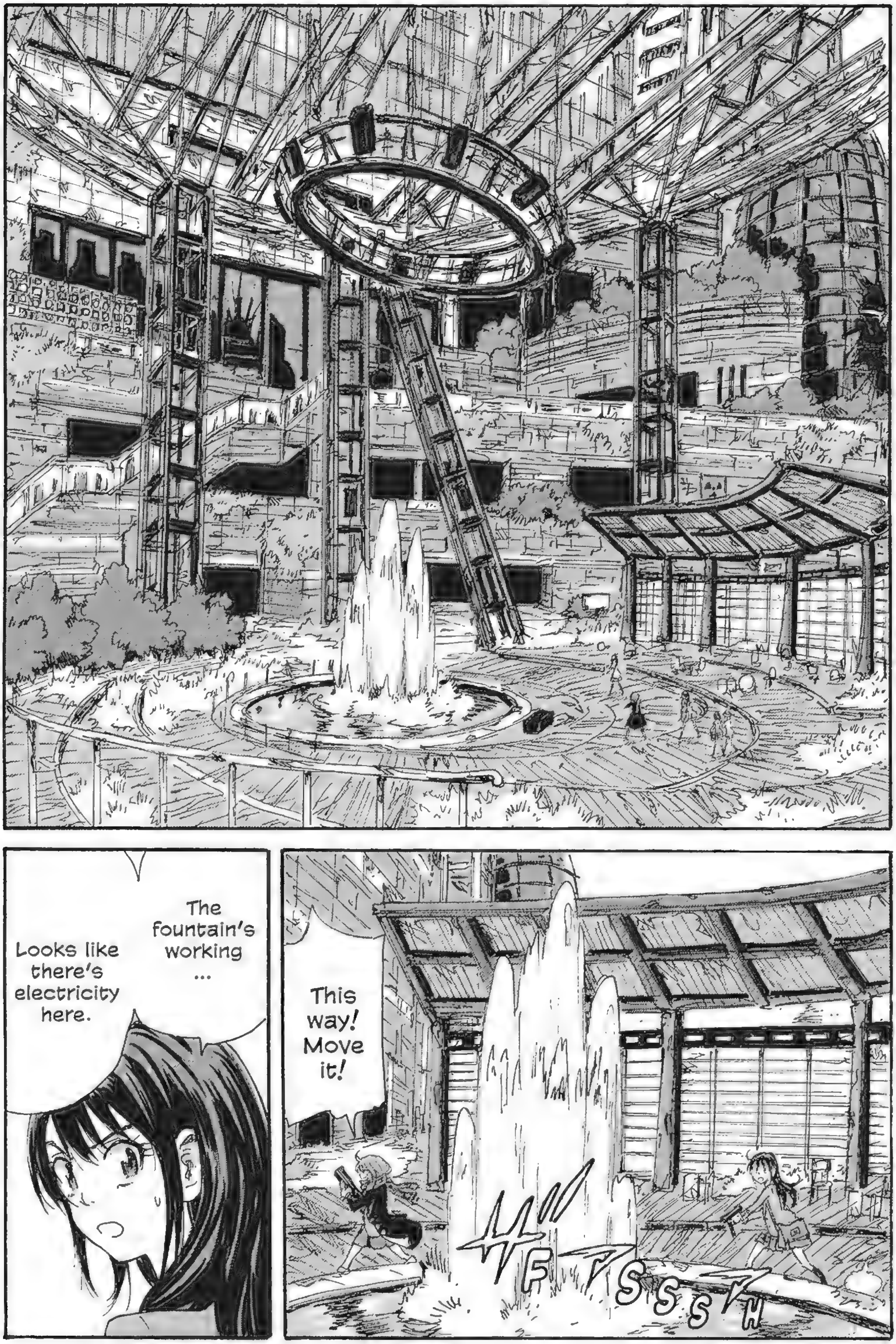

Wh...?
A... A...
A ghost!
BUBBLE
Wha—?! A ghost?!
...
GLANCE
GLANCE
There's nothin' there, Aoi!
SHIVER
SHIVER
ガクブル...
It was just your imagination. How could you see such a thing in the middle of the day...?
It was there!
I swear I saw a ghost!
AHUUUHN!
HIC
Quit your whining! Rep!

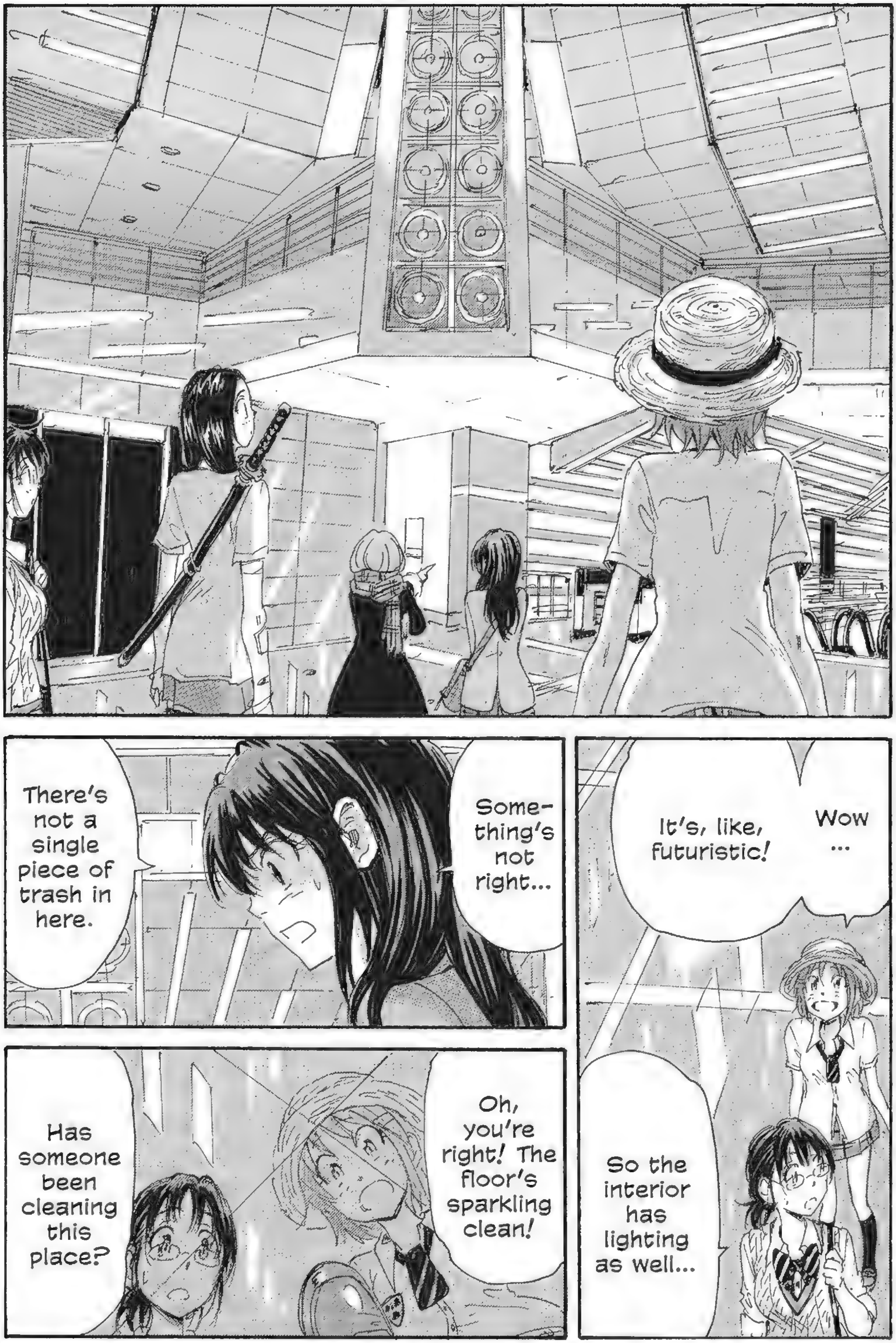

ガチャ
KCHK
Get out and get ready!
We're approaching on foot!
ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
Let's move!
We'll teach you how to clean house!
P-24 END

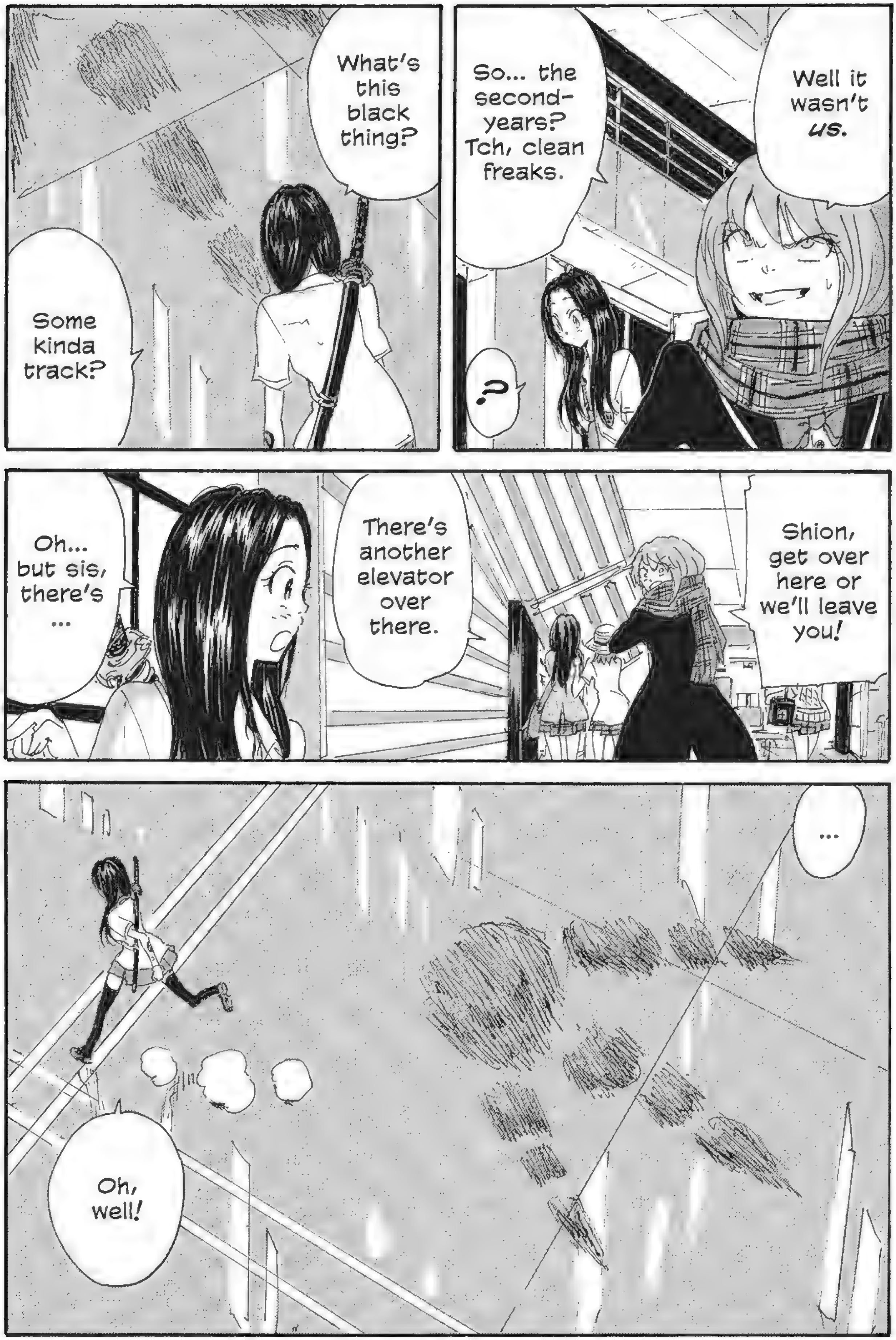
Phase.25 [Fossil Display]

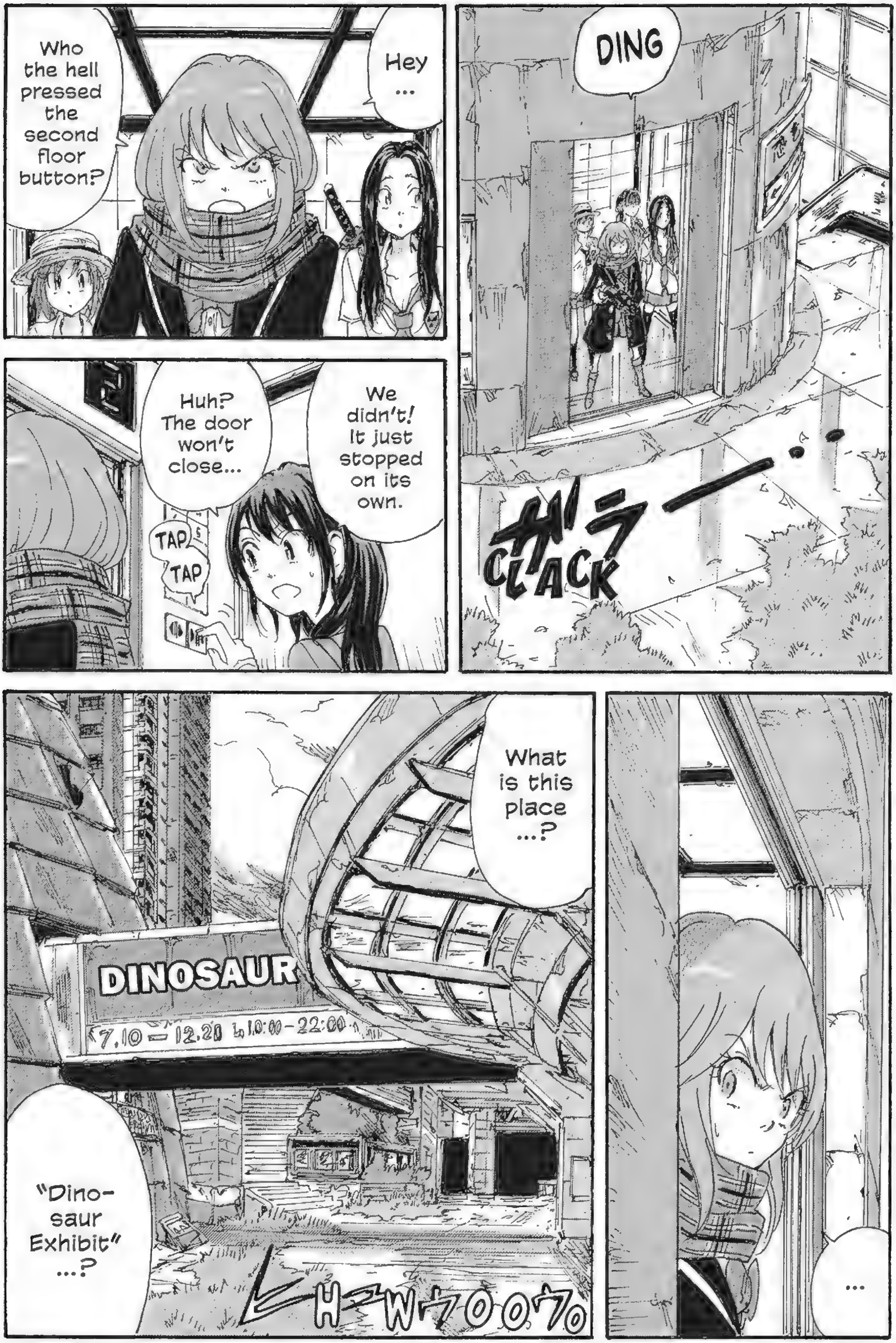

Roppongi Hills.
Once the most extravagant development in Tokyo, a gathering place for those with an eye for luxury.
The second-years are in that skyscraper, yeah?
Let's chase 'em out and take it over as our summer home.

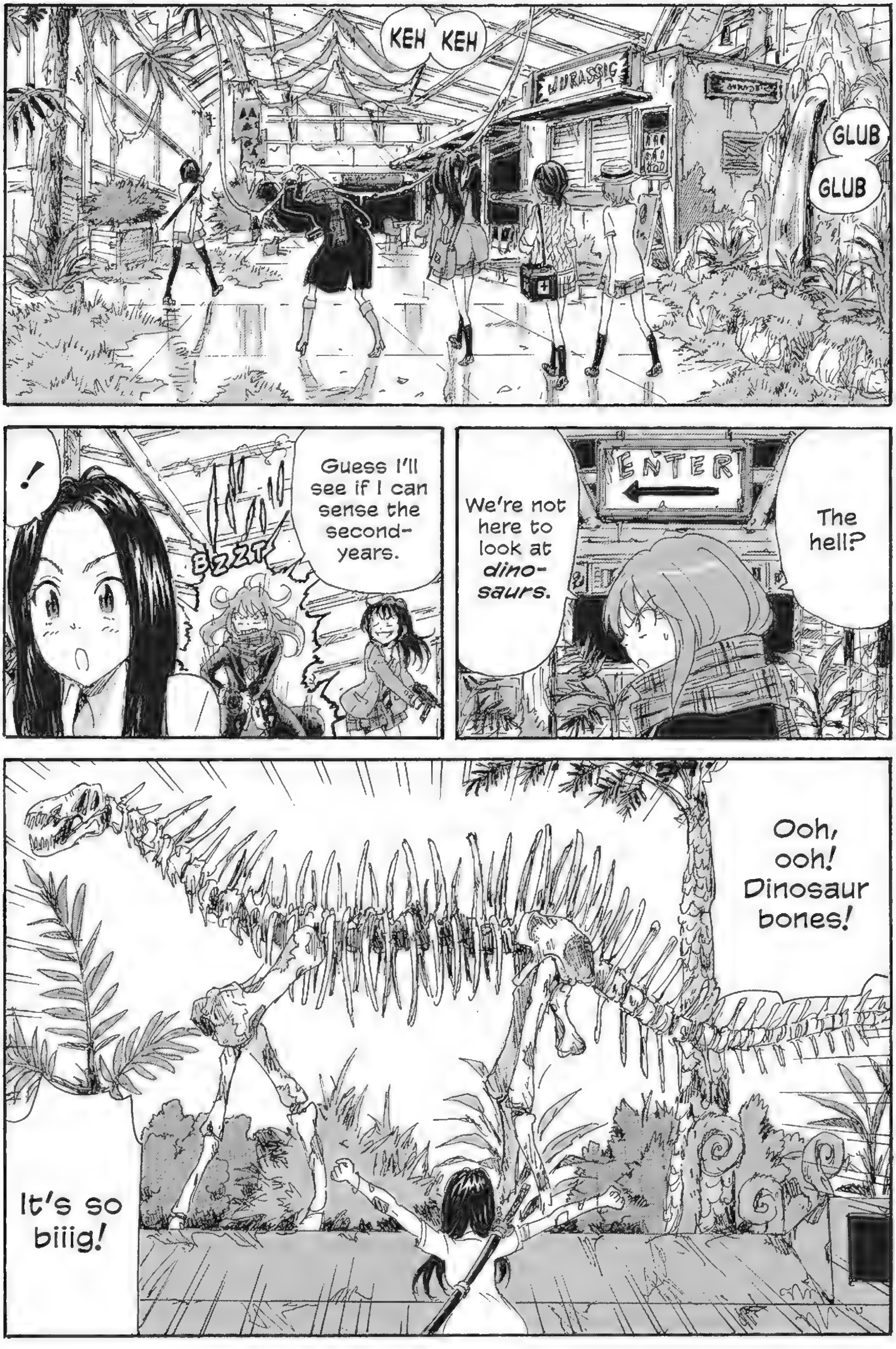

ゴゴ MMM
ゴ RR
Alright, let's storm the place!
We're gonna clean it out in style!
TMP
TMP

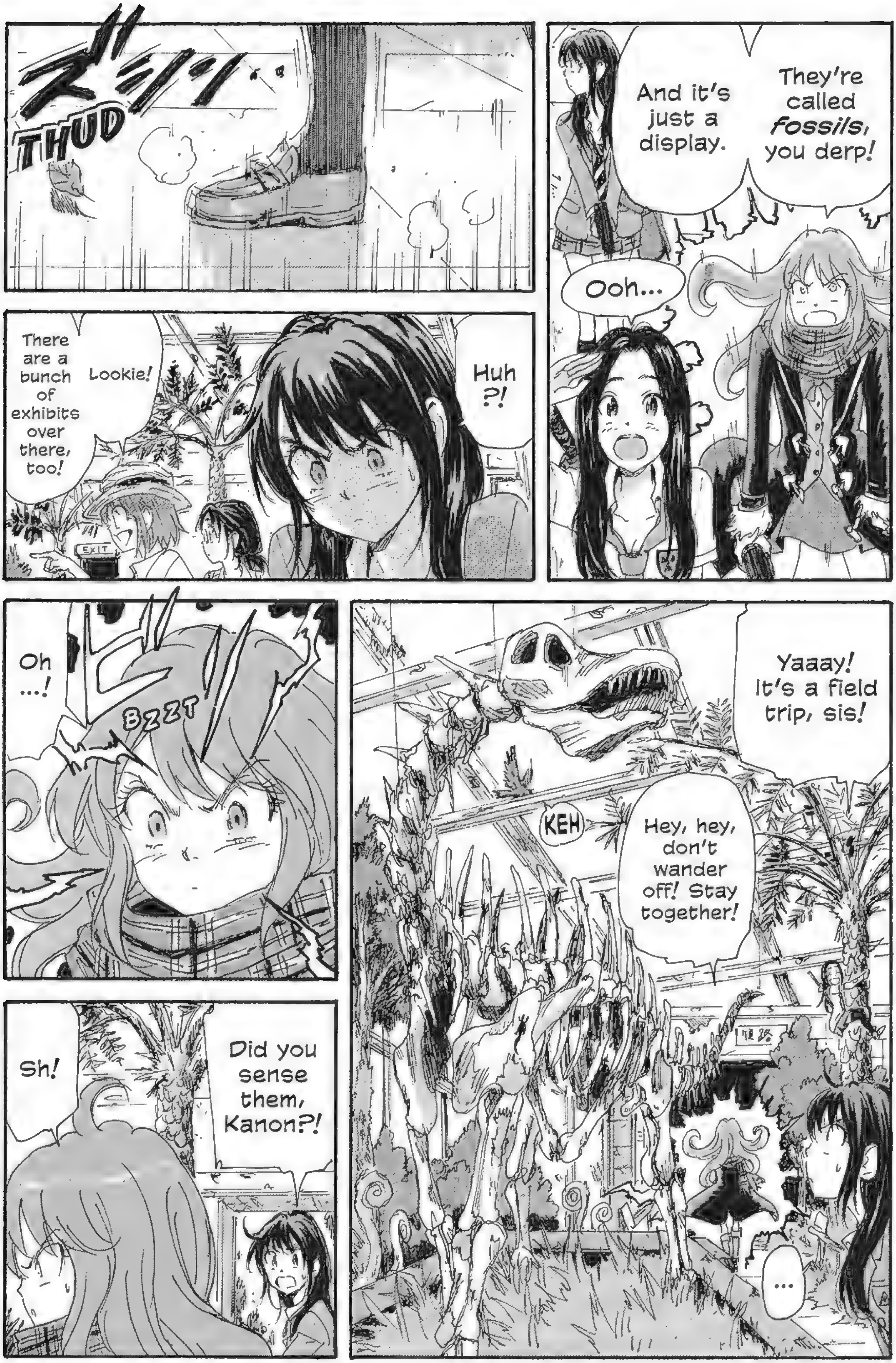

This way! Move it!
FSSSSH
The fountain's working ...
Looks like there's electricity here.

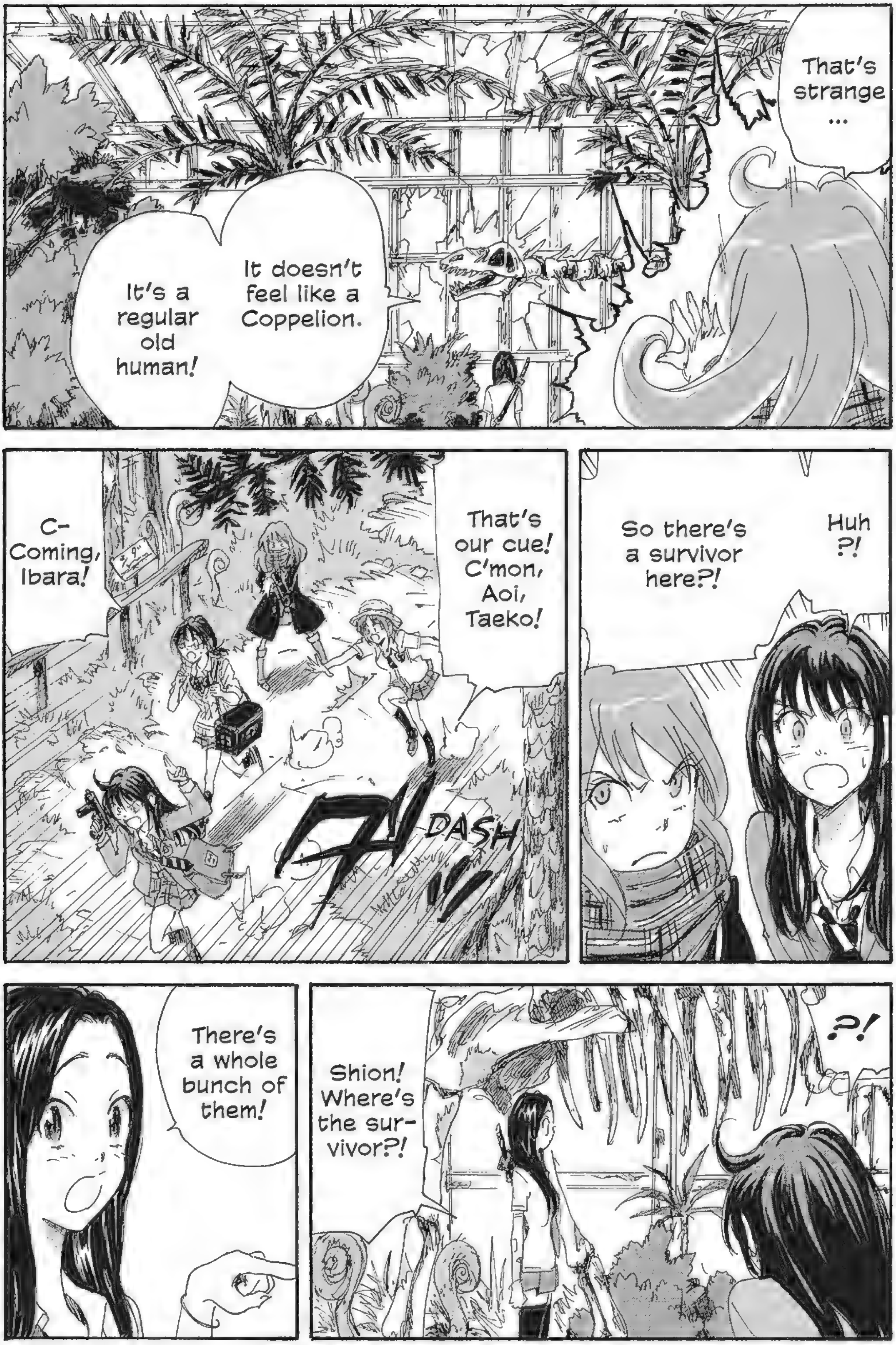

Wow ...
It's, like, futuristic!
So the interior has lighting as well...
Something's not right...
There's not a single piece of trash in here.
Oh, you're right! The floor's sparkling clean!
Has someone been cleaning this place?

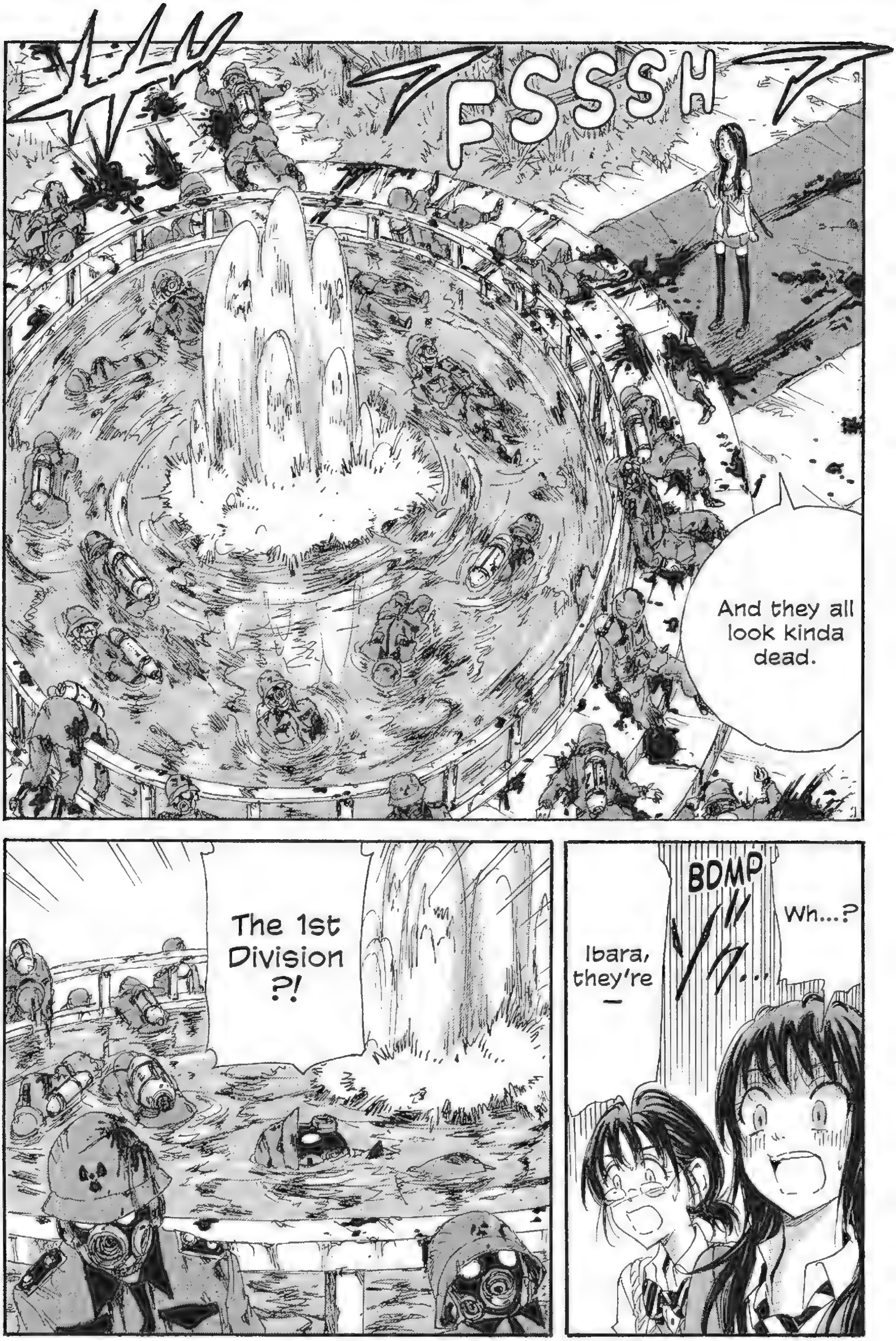

Well it wasn't *us*.
So... the second-years? Tch, clean freaks.
?
What's this black thing?
Some kinda track?
Shion, get over here or we'll leave you!
There's another elevator over there.
Oh... but sis, there's ...
...
Oh, well!

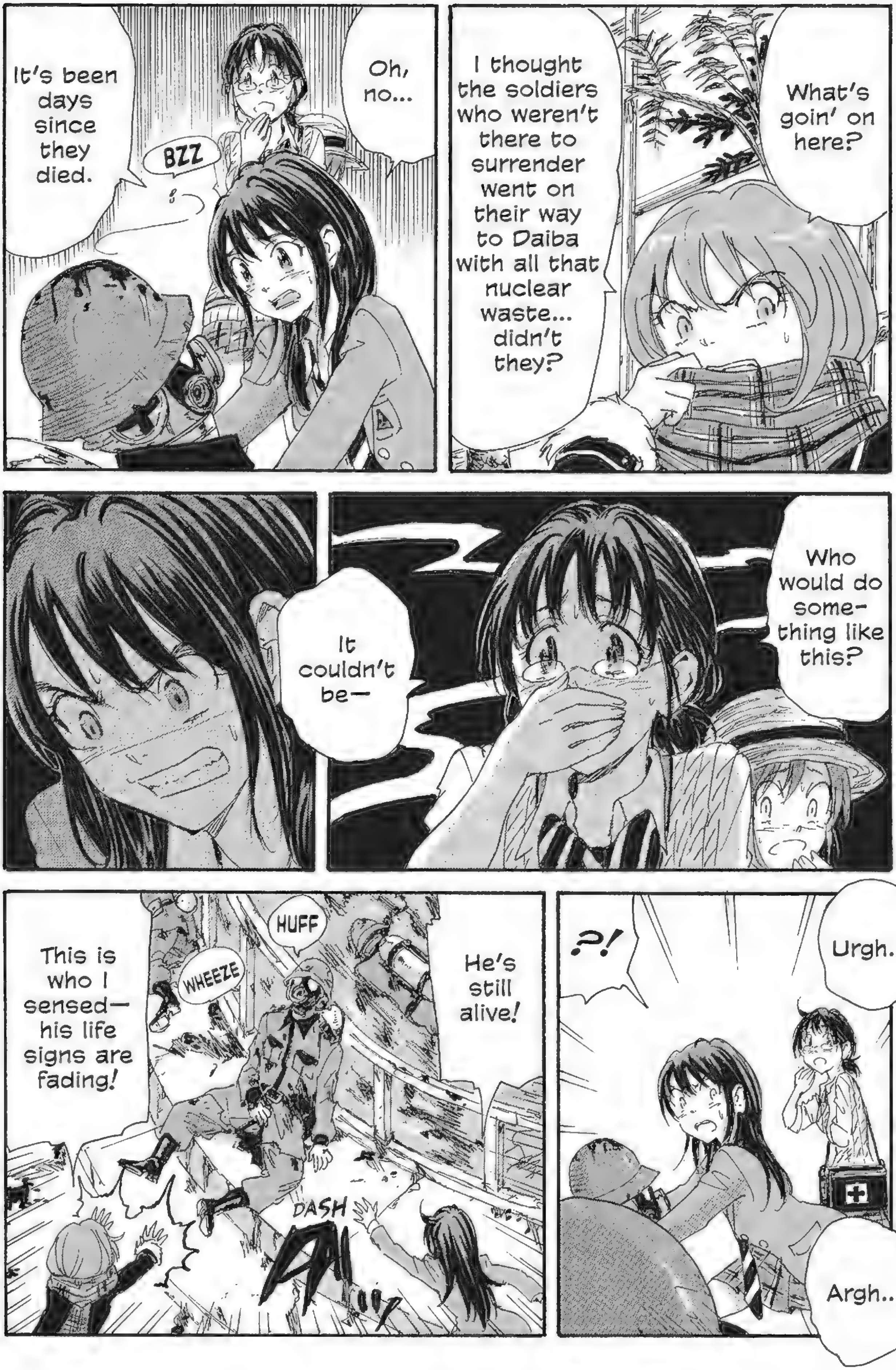

DING
CLACK
Hey ...
Who the hell pressed the second floor button?
We didn't! It just stopped on its own.
Huh? The door won't close...
TAP
TAP
...
What is this place ...?
DINOSAUR
7.10 — 12.20 10:00 - 22:00
"Dino-saur Exhibit" ...?
HWOOO

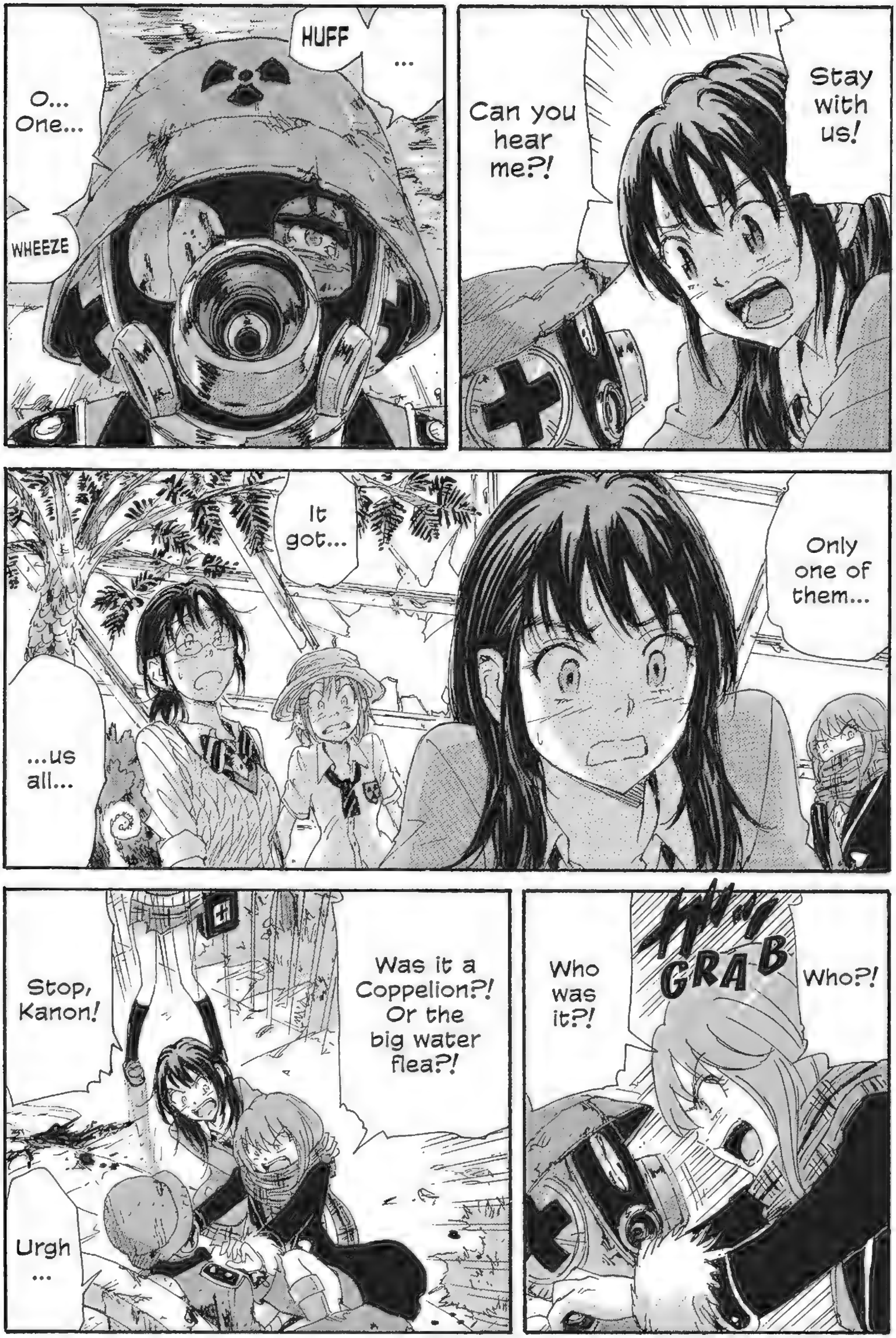

GLUB
GLUB
JURASSIC
KEH KEH
The hell?
ENTER
We're not here to look at *dinosaurs.*
Guess I'll see if I can sense the second-years.
BZZZT
!
Ooh, ooh! Dinosaur bones!
It's so biiig!

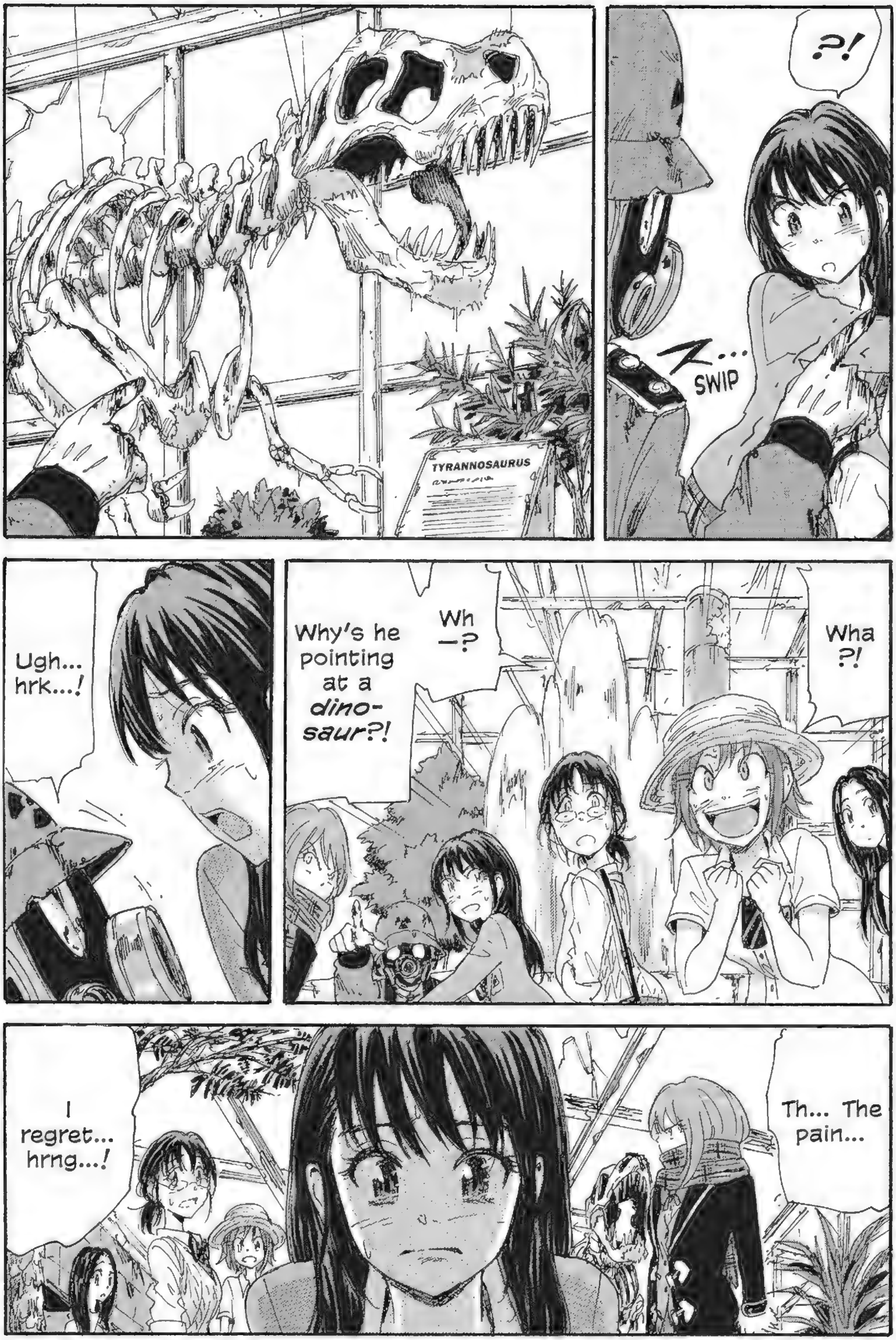

They're called *fossils*, you derp!
And it's just a display.
Ooh...
THUD
Huh?!
Lookie!
There are a bunch of exhibits over there, too!
EXIT
Yaaay! It's a field trip, sis!
Hey, hey, don't wander off! Stay together!
KEH
順路
...
Oh...!
BZZT
Did you sense them, Kanon?!
Sh!

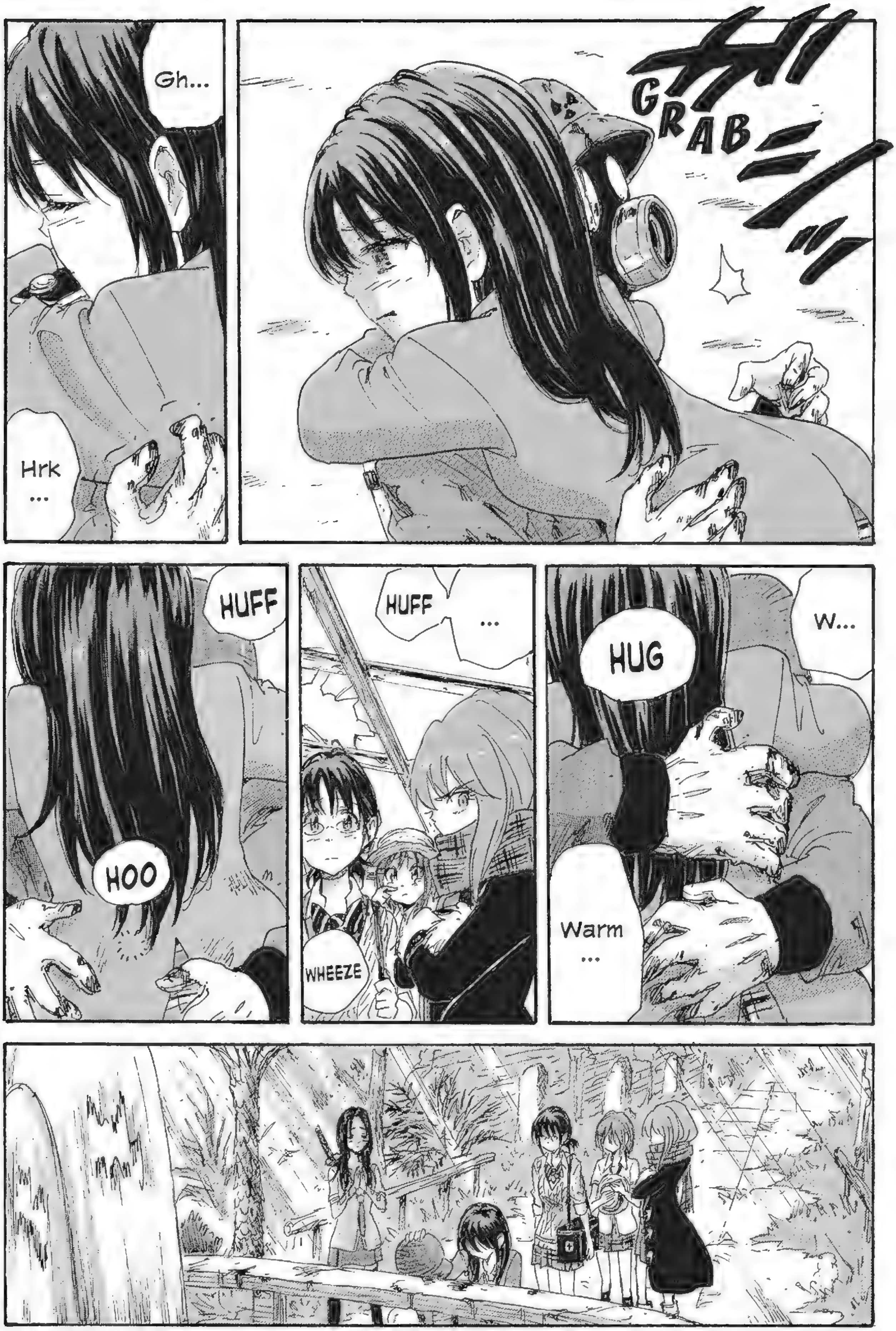

That's strange ...
It doesn't feel like a Coppelion.
It's a regular old human!
Huh?!
So there's a survivor here?!
That's our cue! C'mon, Aoi, Taeko!
C-Coming, Ibara!
DASH
?!
Shion! Where's the survivor?!
There's a whole bunch of them!

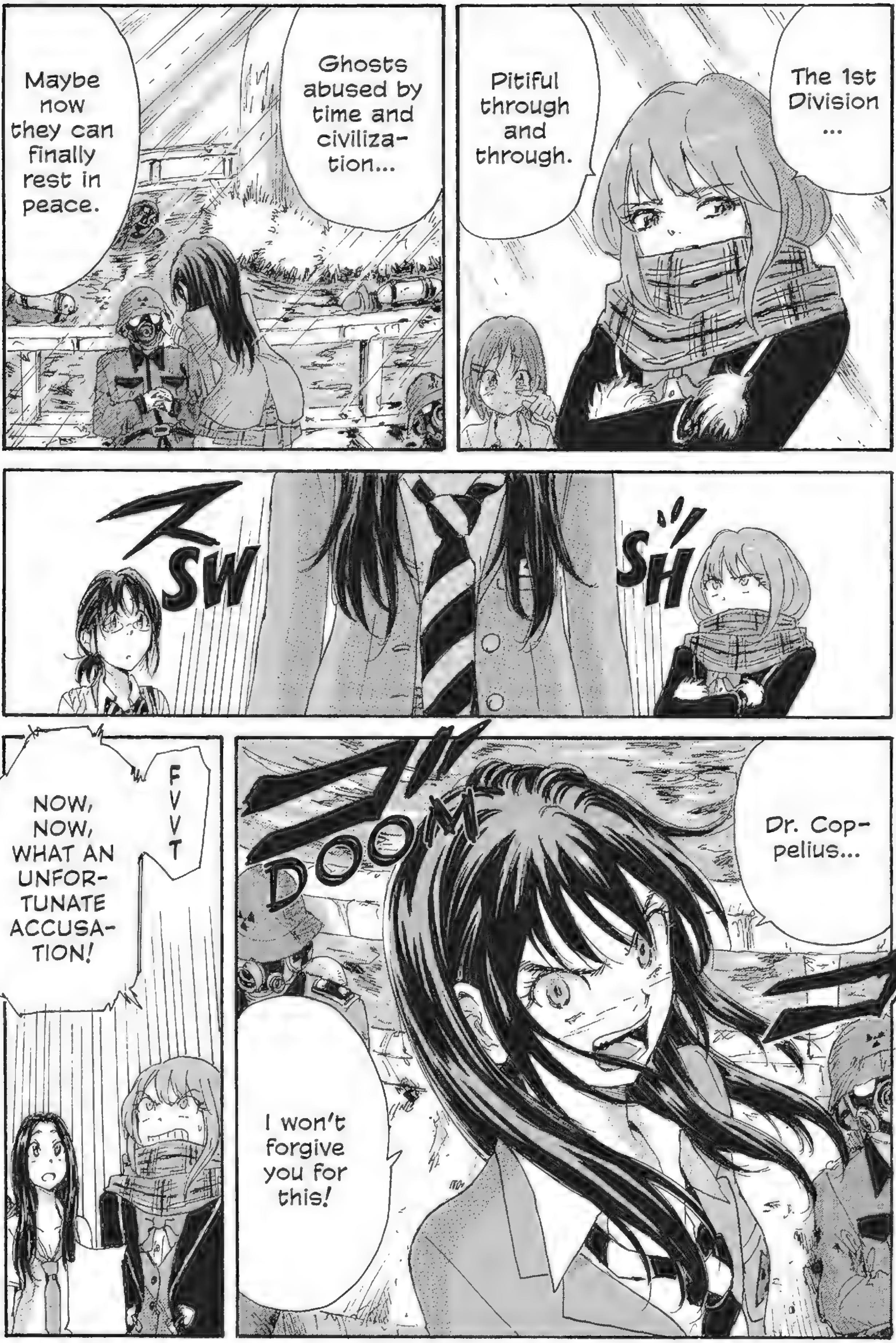

FSSSH
And they all look kinda dead.
BDMP
Wh...?
Ibara, they're —
The 1st Division ?!

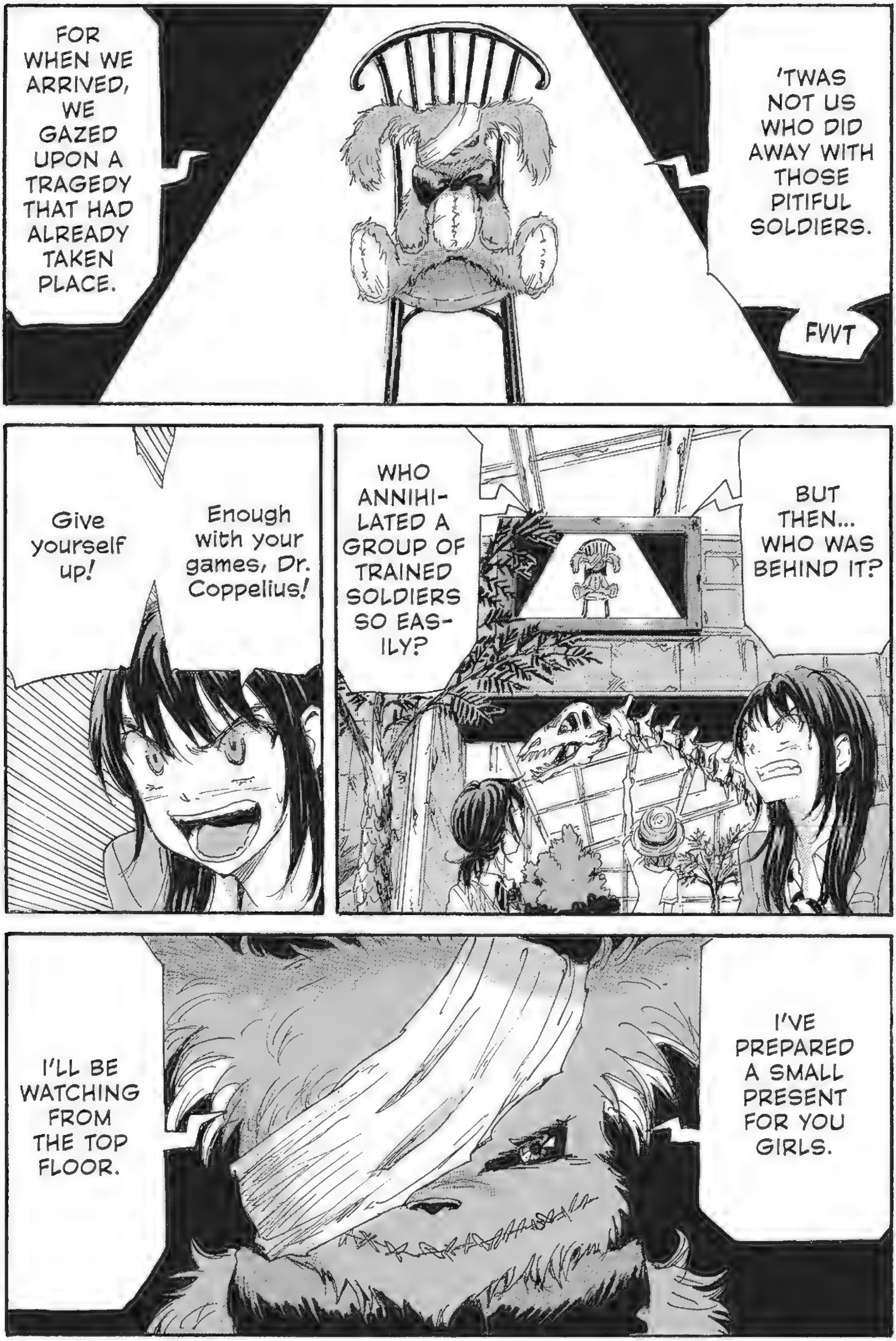

What's goin' on here?
I thought the soldiers who weren't there to surrender went on their way to Daiba with all that nuclear waste... didn't they?
Oh, no...
It's been days since they died.
BZZ
Who would do some-thing like this?
It couldn't be—
Urgh...
?!
Argh...
He's still alive!
HUFF
WHEEZE
This is who I sensed—his life signs are fading!
DASH

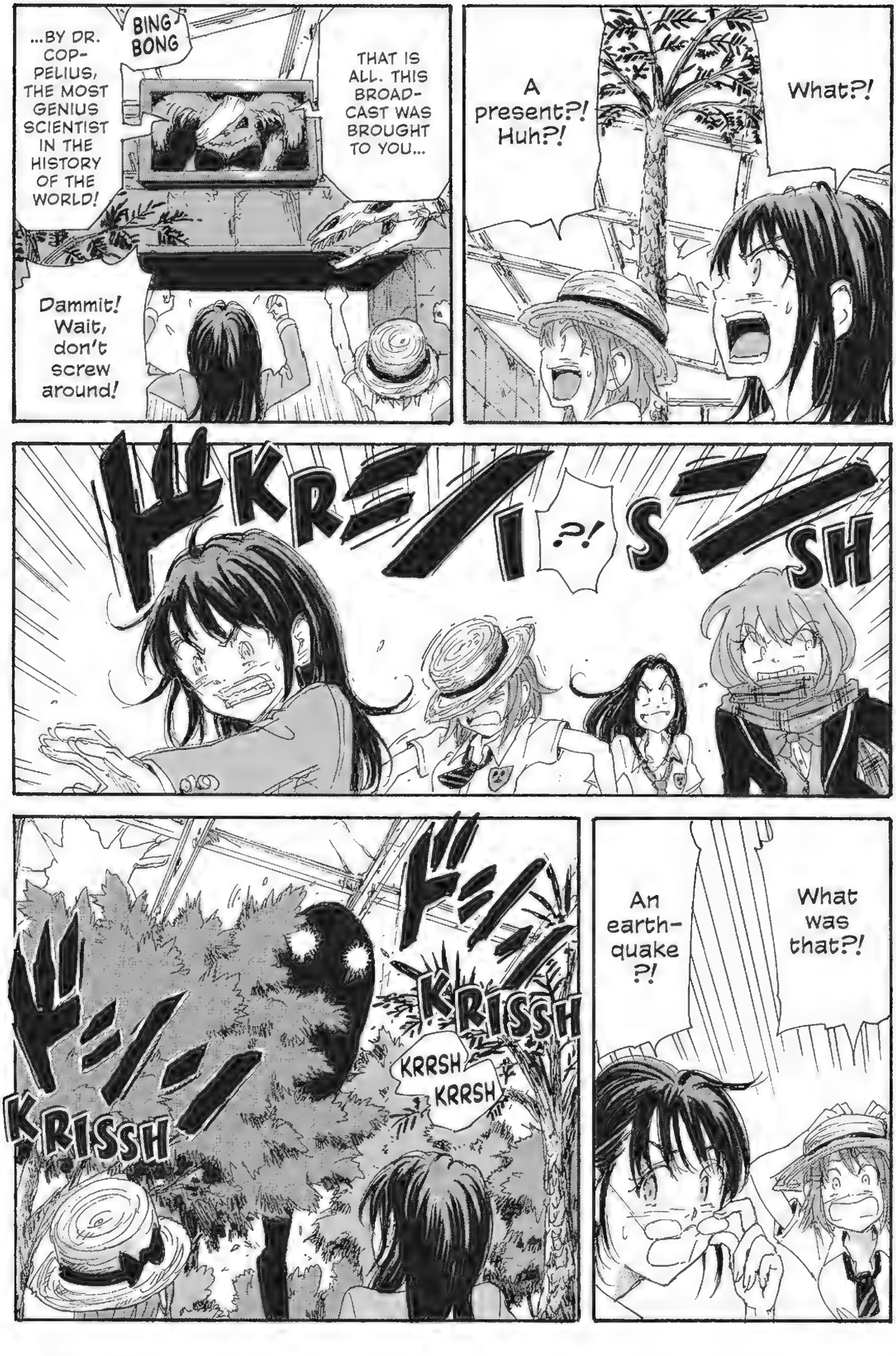

Stay with us!
Can you hear me?!
...
HUFF
O... One...
WHEEZE
Only one of them...
It got...
...us all...
Who?!
GRAB
Who was it?!
Was it a Coppelion?! Or the big water flea?!
Stop, Kanon!
Urgh ...

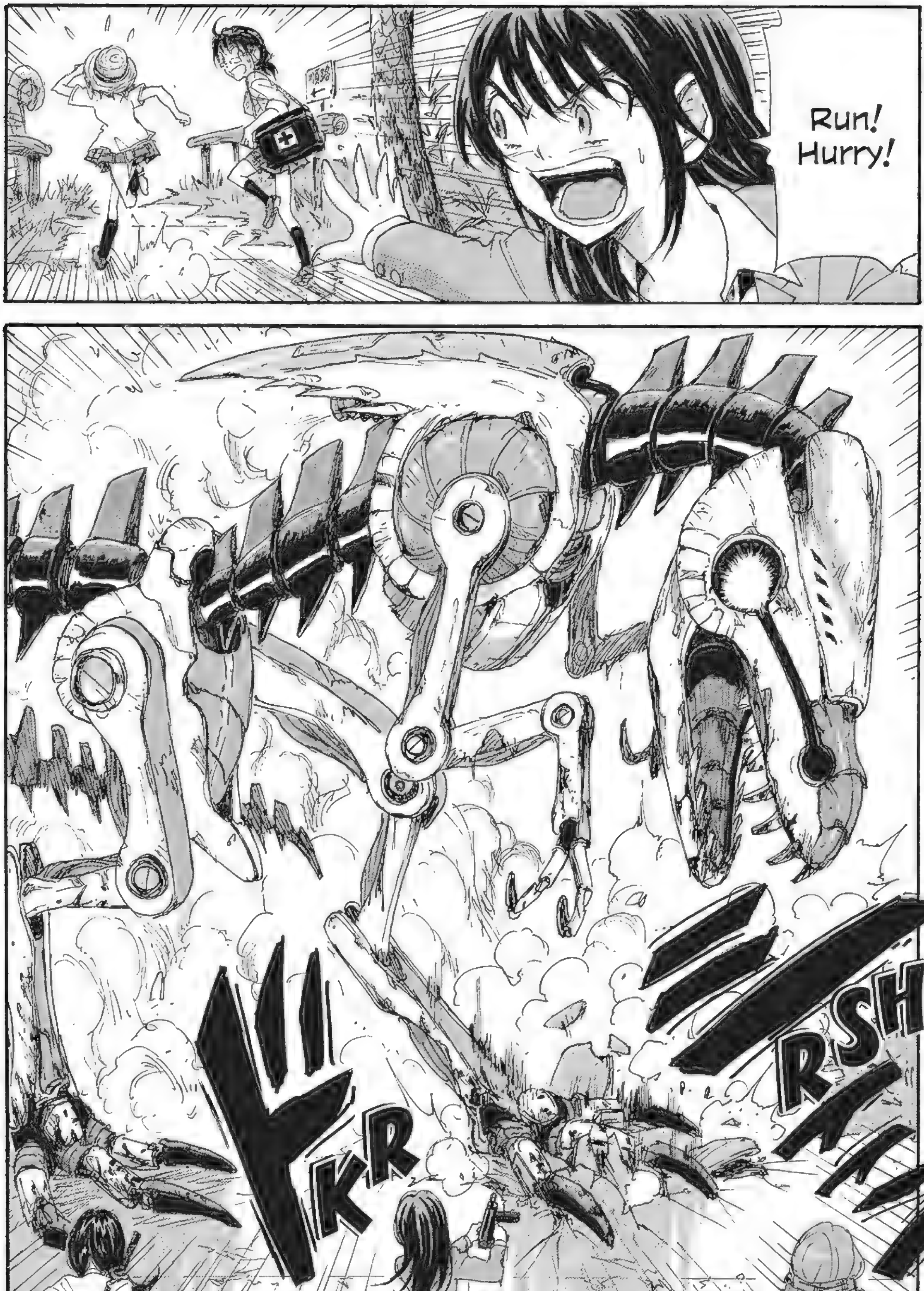

TYRANNOSAURUS
?!
SWIP
Wha ?!
Wh —?
Why's he pointing at a *dinosaur*?!
Ugh... hrk...!
Th... The pain...
I regret... hrng...!


GRAB
Gh...
Hrk ...
W...
HUG
Warm ...
HUFF ...
WHEEZE
HUFF
HOO

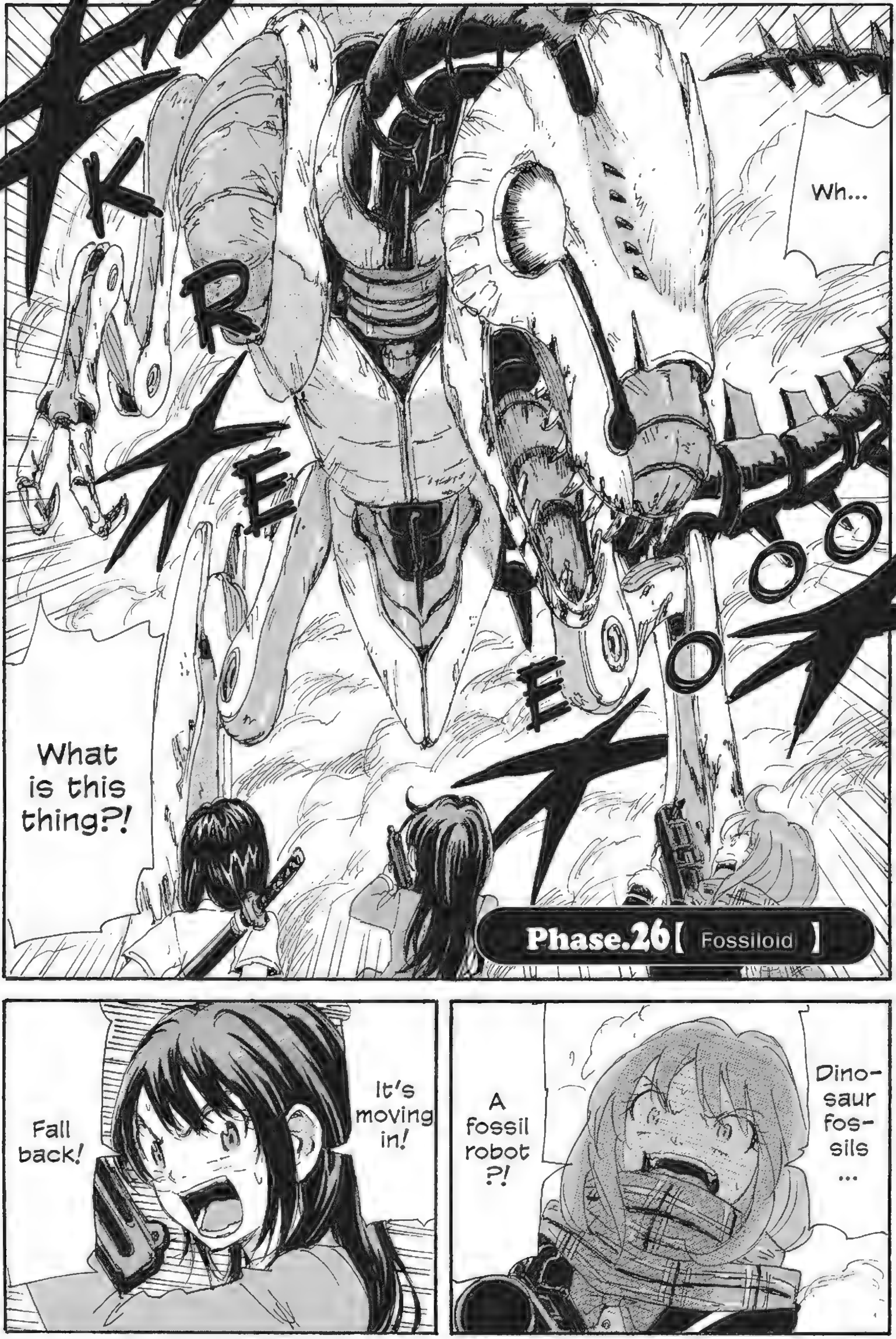

The 1st Division ...
Pitiful through and through.
Ghosts abused by time and civilization...
Maybe now they can finally rest in peace.
SH
SW
Dr. Coppelius...
DOOM
I won't forgive you for this!
FVVT
NOW, NOW, WHAT AN UNFORTUNATE ACCUSATION!

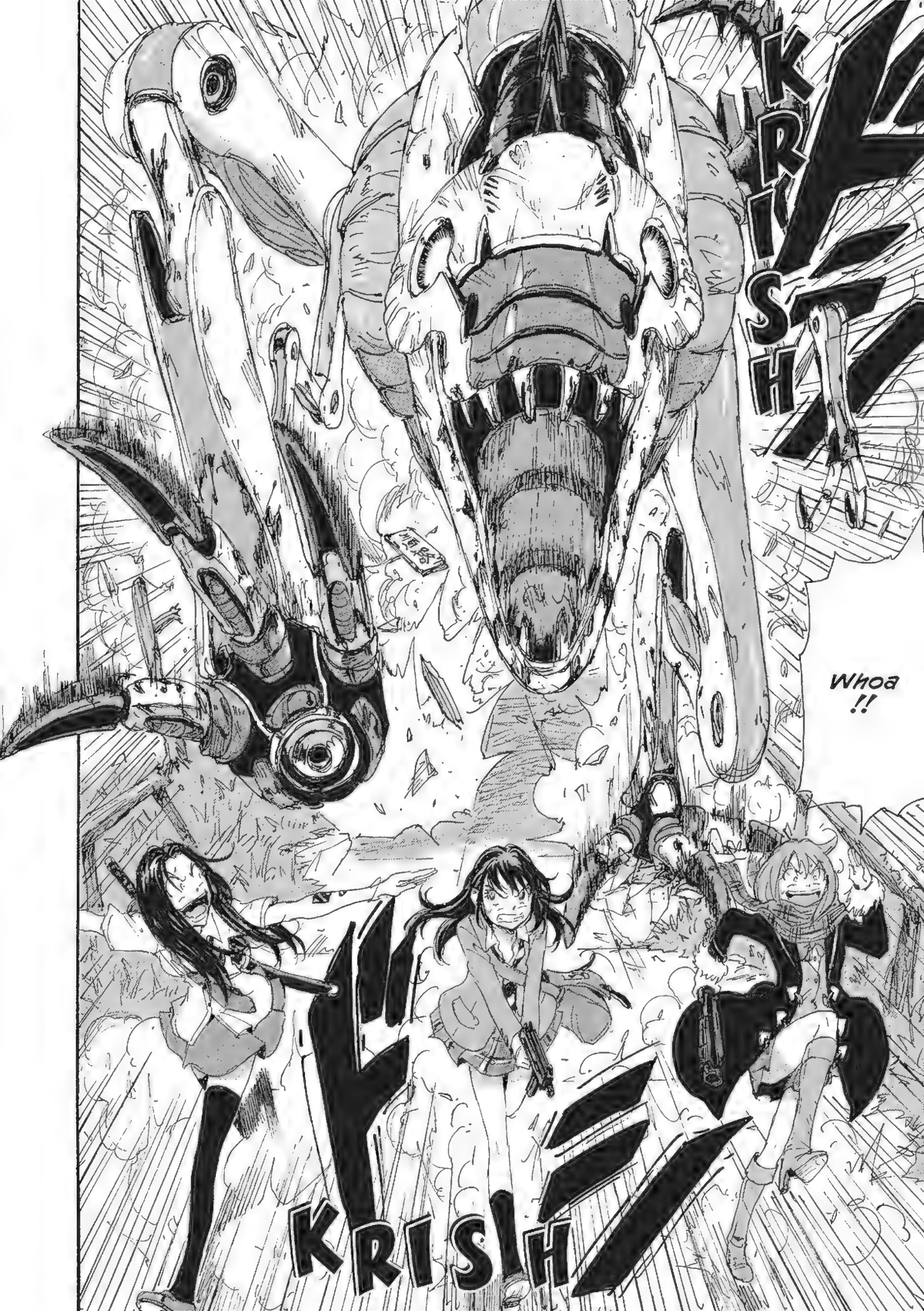

'TWAS NOT US WHO DID AWAY WITH THOSE PITIFUL SOLDIERS.
FOR WHEN WE ARRIVED, WE GAZED UPON A TRAGEDY THAT HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE.
FVVT
BUT THEN... WHO WAS BEHIND IT?
WHO ANNIHILATED A GROUP OF TRAINED SOLDIERS SO EASILY?
Enough with your games, Dr. Coppelius!
Give yourself up!
I'VE PREPARED A SMALL PRESENT FOR YOU GIRLS.
I'LL BE WATCHING FROM THE TOP FLOOR.

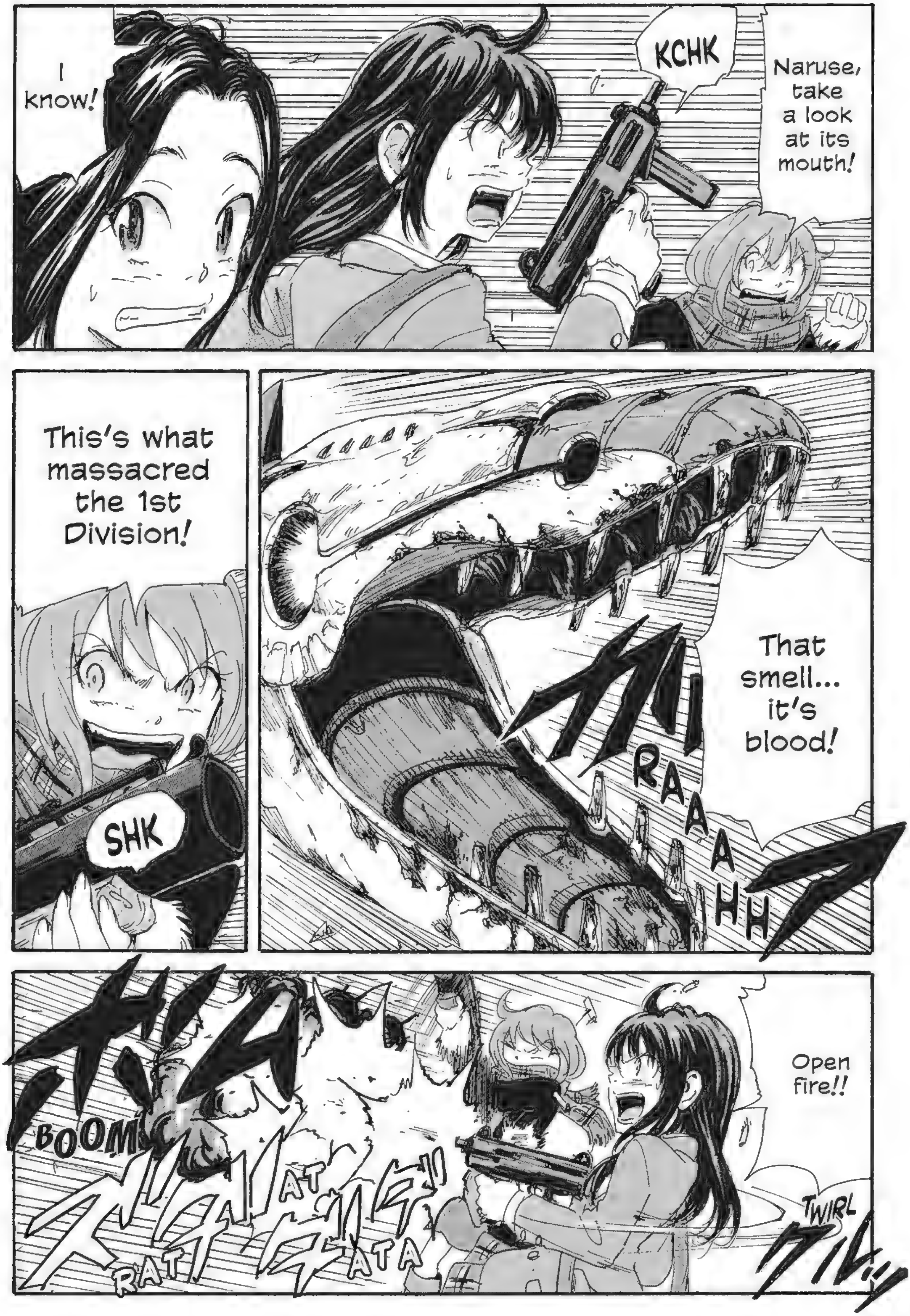

What?!
A present?! Huh?!
THAT IS ALL. THIS BROADCAST WAS BROUGHT TO YOU...
BING BONG
...BY DR. COPPELIUS, THE MOST GENIUS SCIENTIST IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!
Dammit! Wait, don't screw around!
KRISSH
?!
What was that?!
An earthquake?!
KRISSH
KRRSH KRRSH
KRISSH

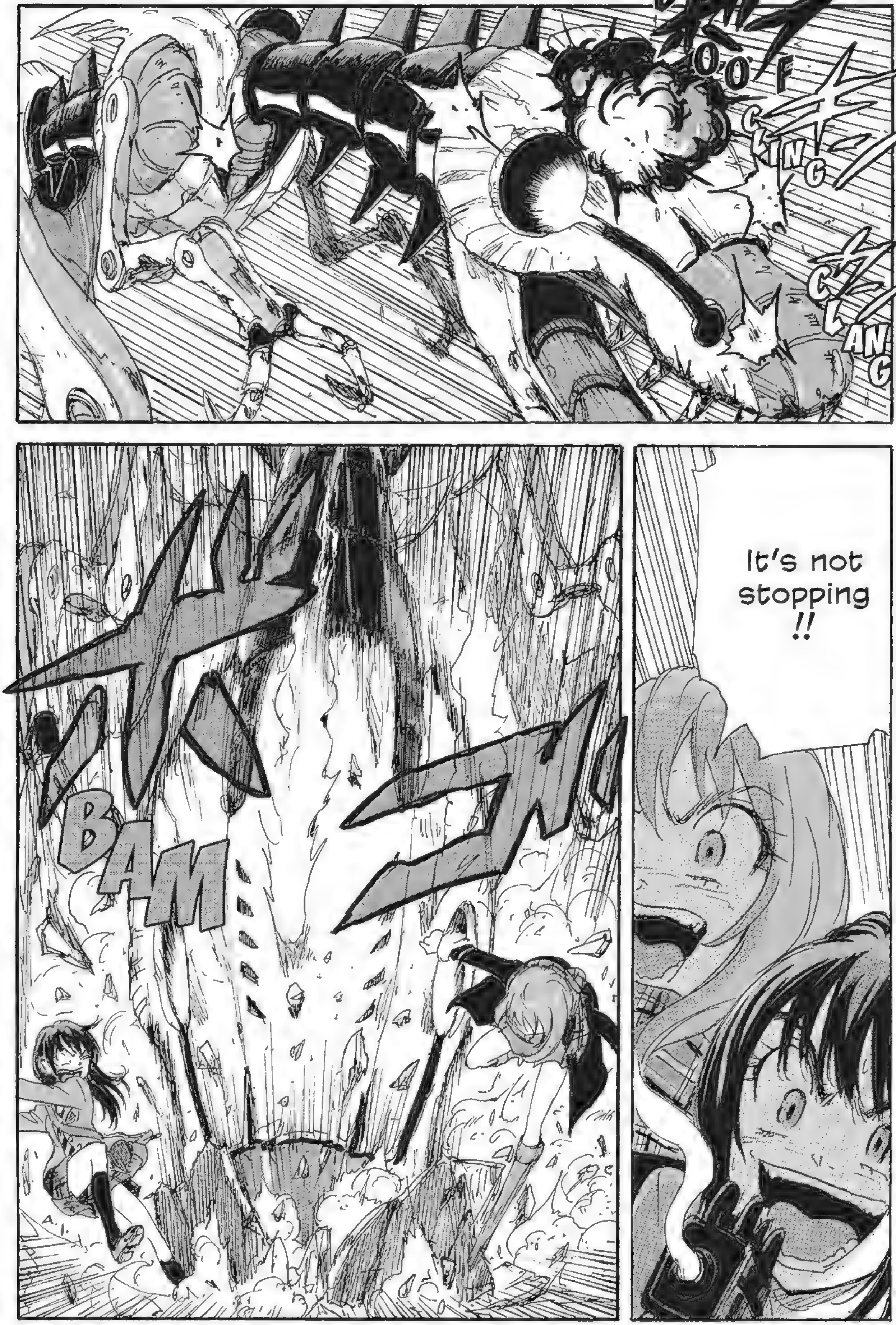

Run! Hurry!
KRRSH
P-25 END

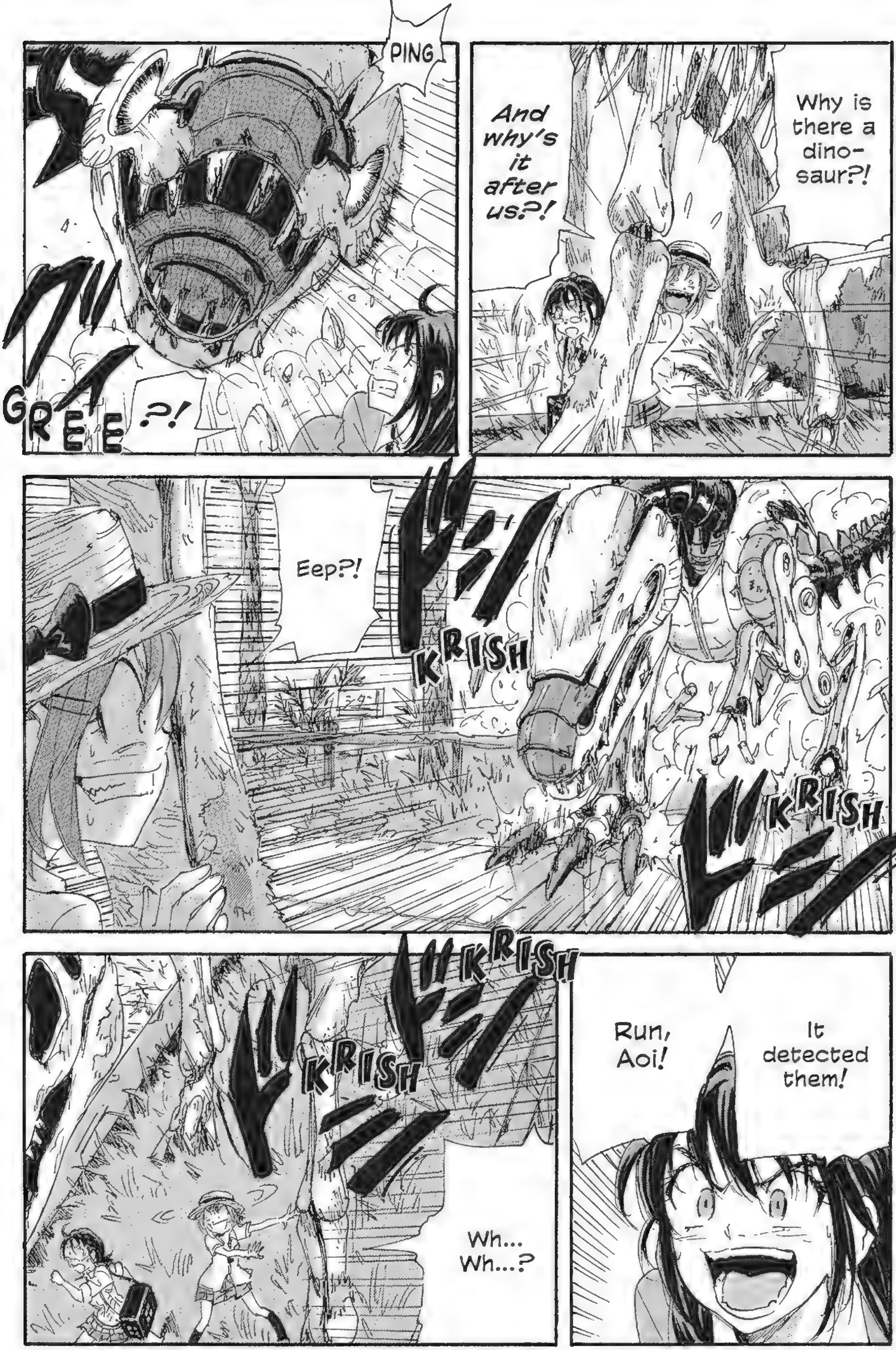
Phase.26【 Fossiloid 】

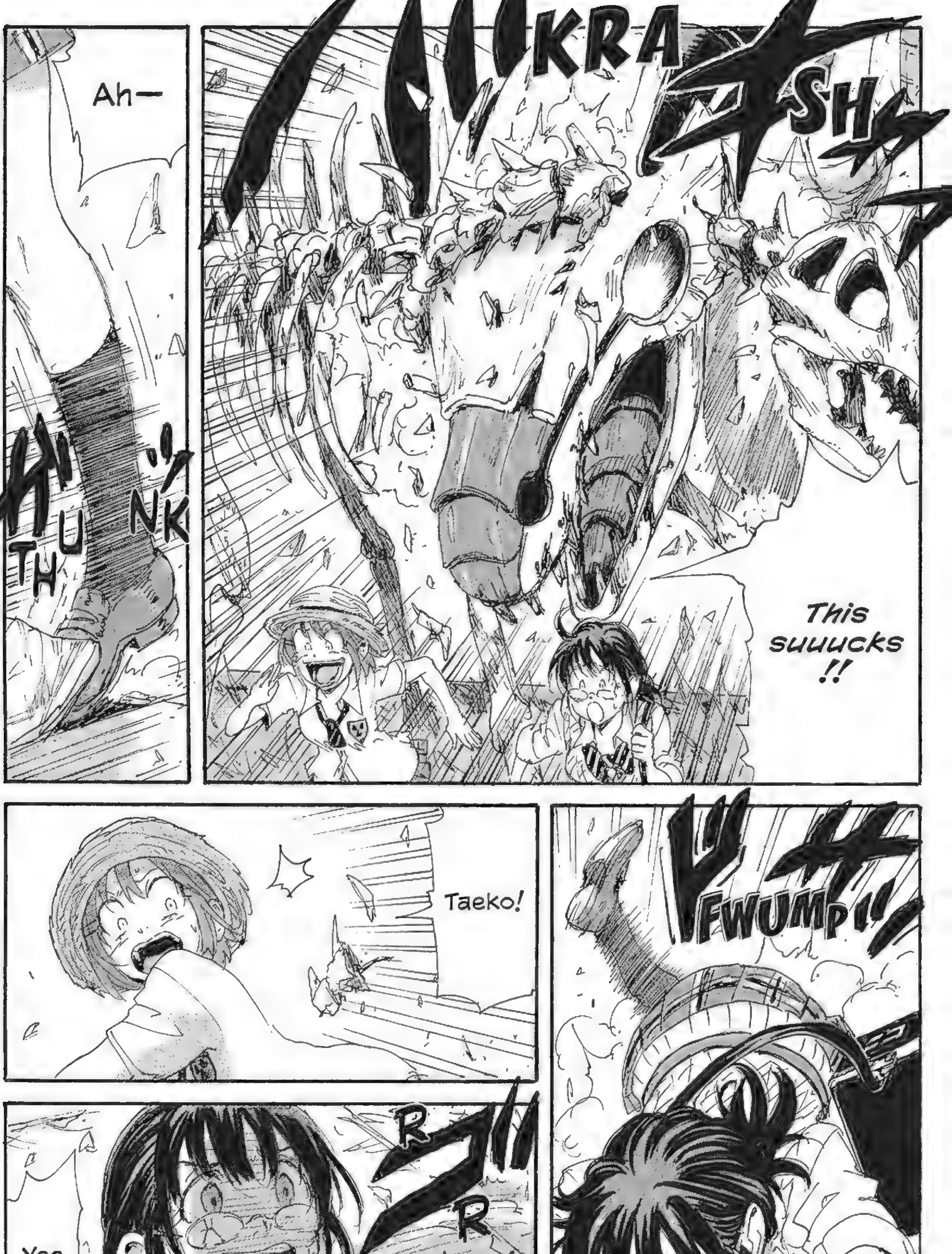

Wh...
KREEEOOOO
What is this thing?!
Dinosaur fossils...
A fossil robot?!
It's moving in!
Fall back!

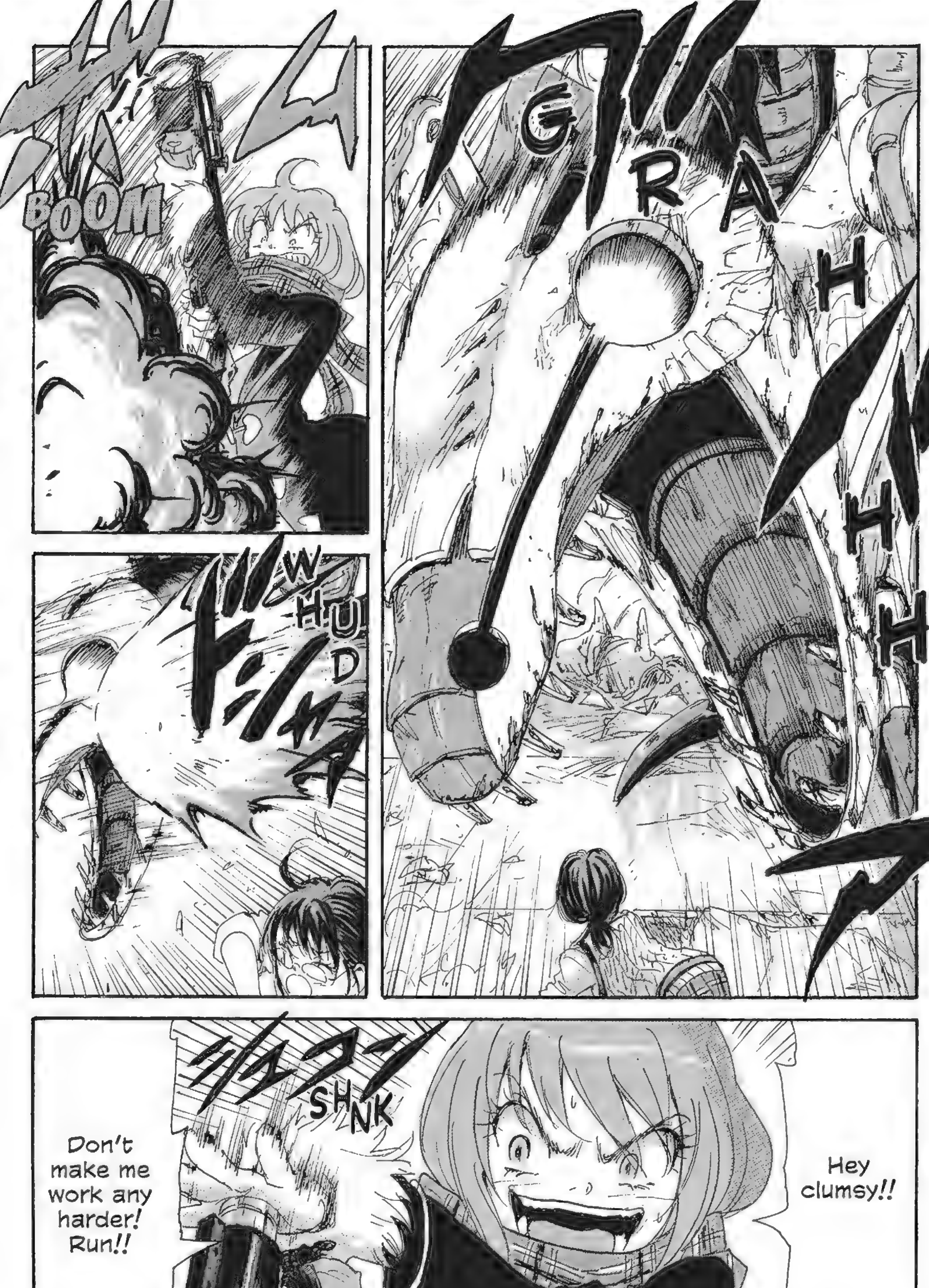

KRISH
Whoa !!
KRISH

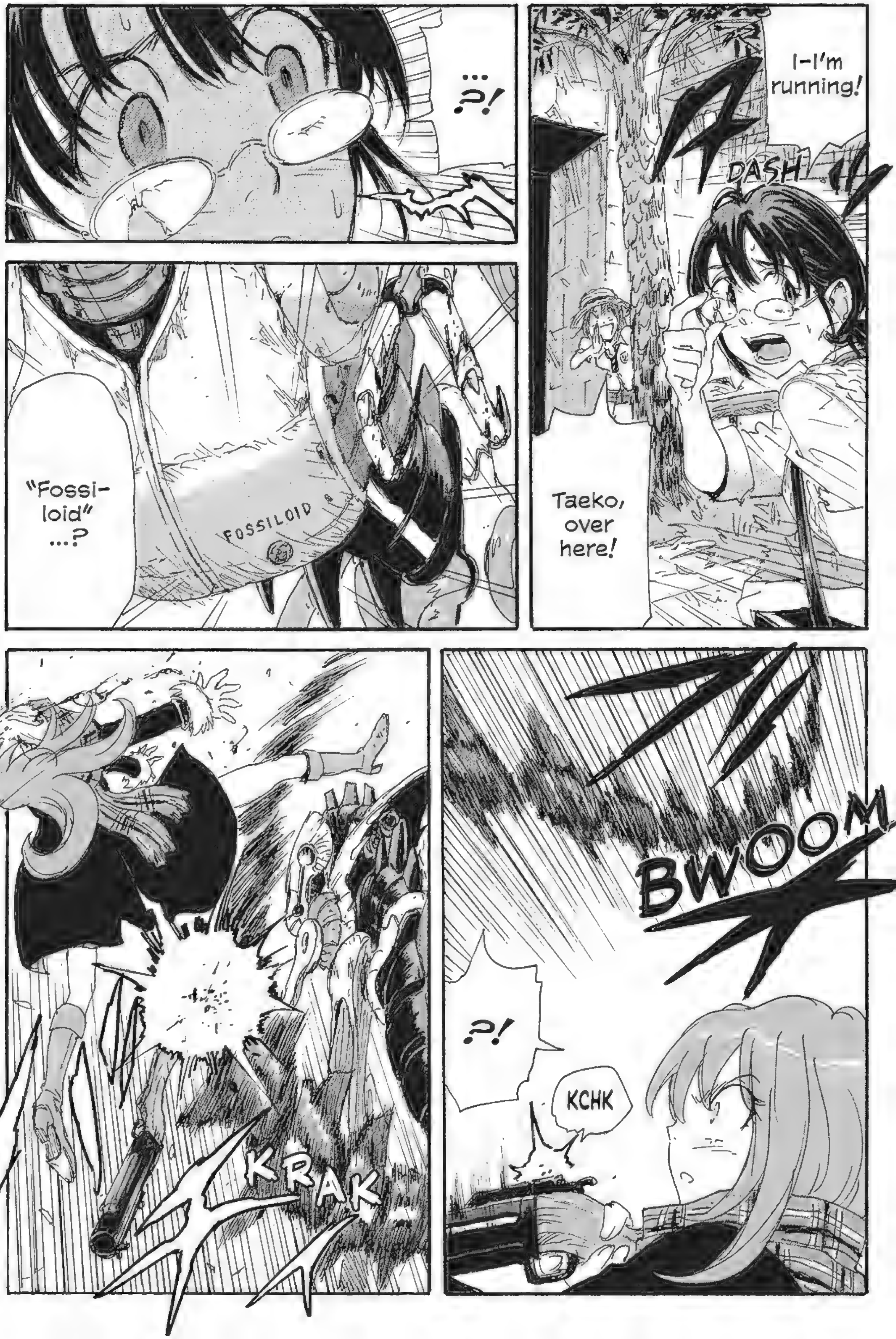

Naruse, take a look at its mouth!
KCHK
I know!
That smell... it's blood!
RAAAAHH
This's what massacred the 1st Division!
SHK
Open fire!!
TWIRL
ATA
AT
RAT
BOOM

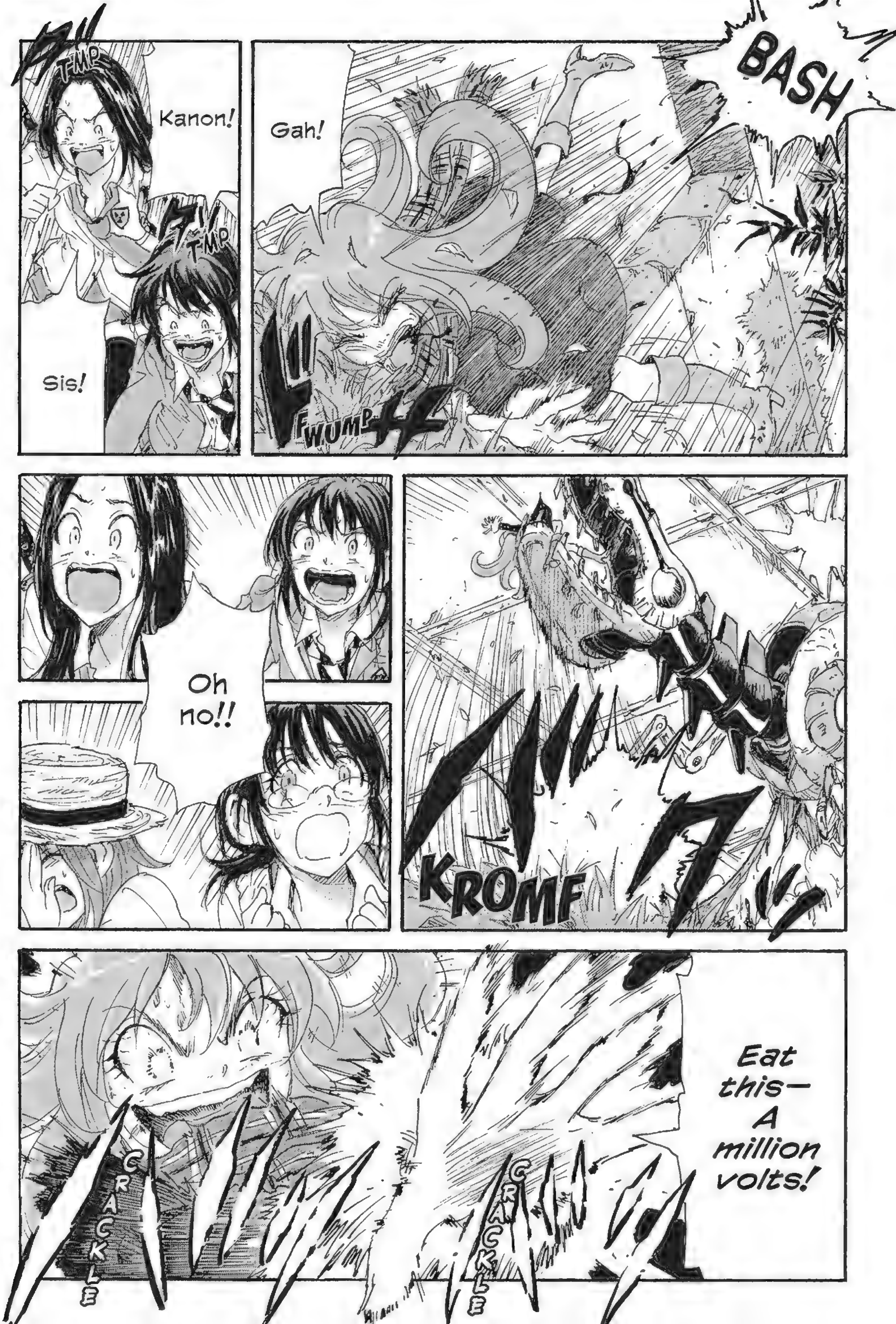

BAM
OOF
CLING
CLANG
It's not stopping !!
BAM

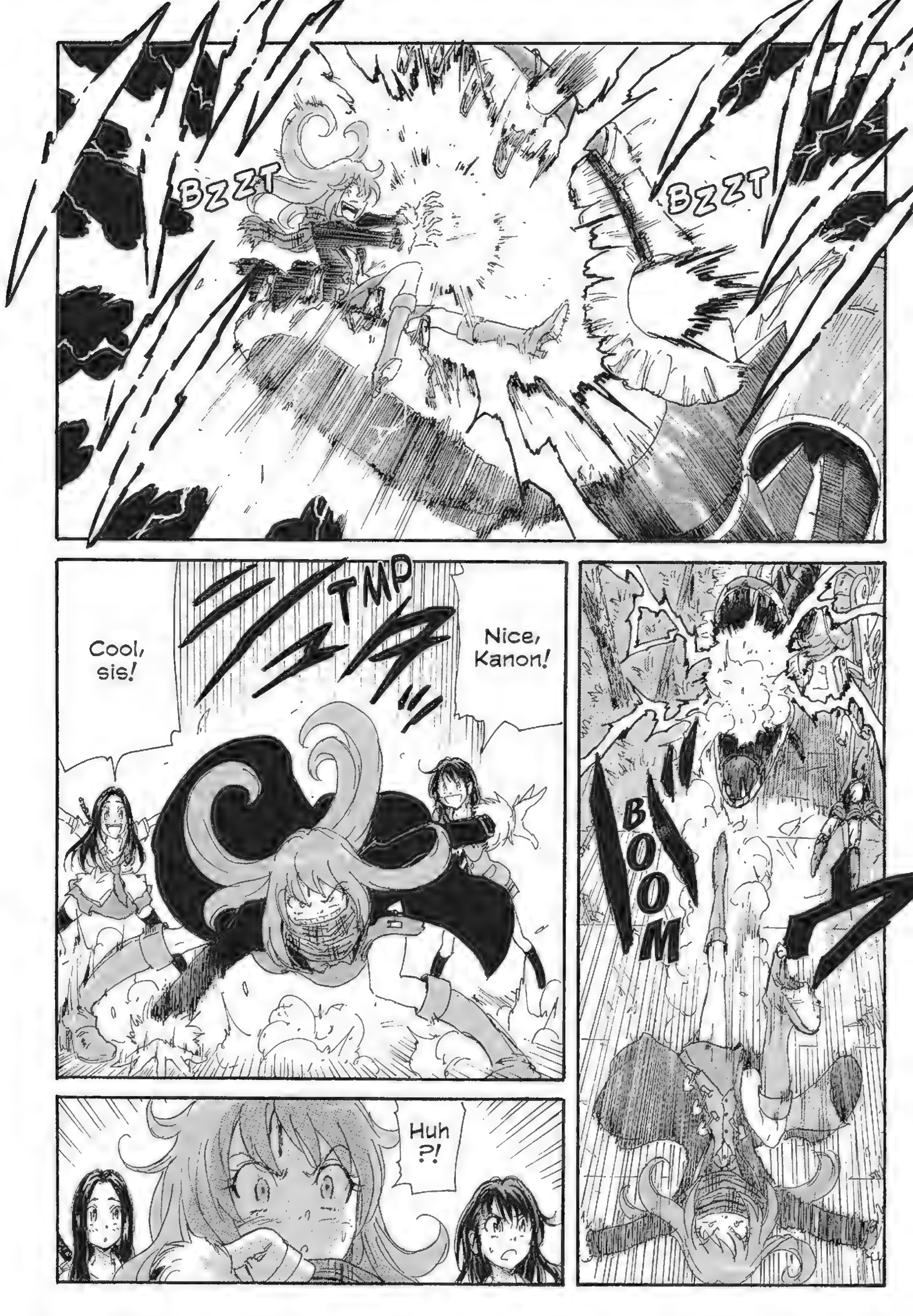

Why is there a dinosaur?!
And why's it after us?!
PING
GREE?!
Eep?!
KRISH
KRISH
It detected them!
Run, Aoi!
KRISH
KRISH
Wh... Wh...?

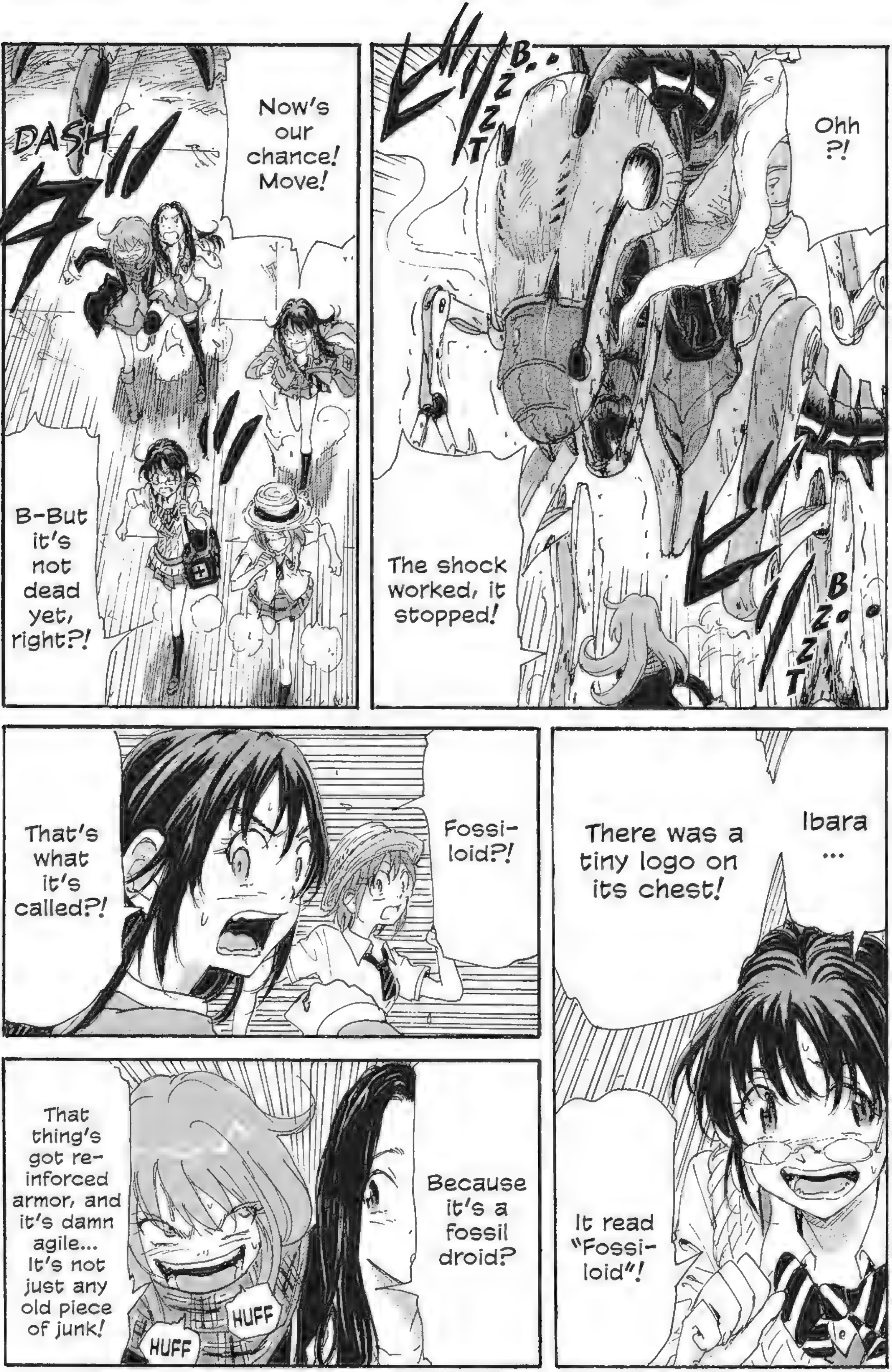

KRASH
This suuucks!!
Ah—
THUNK
FWUMP!!
Taeko!
RRMM
Yee—

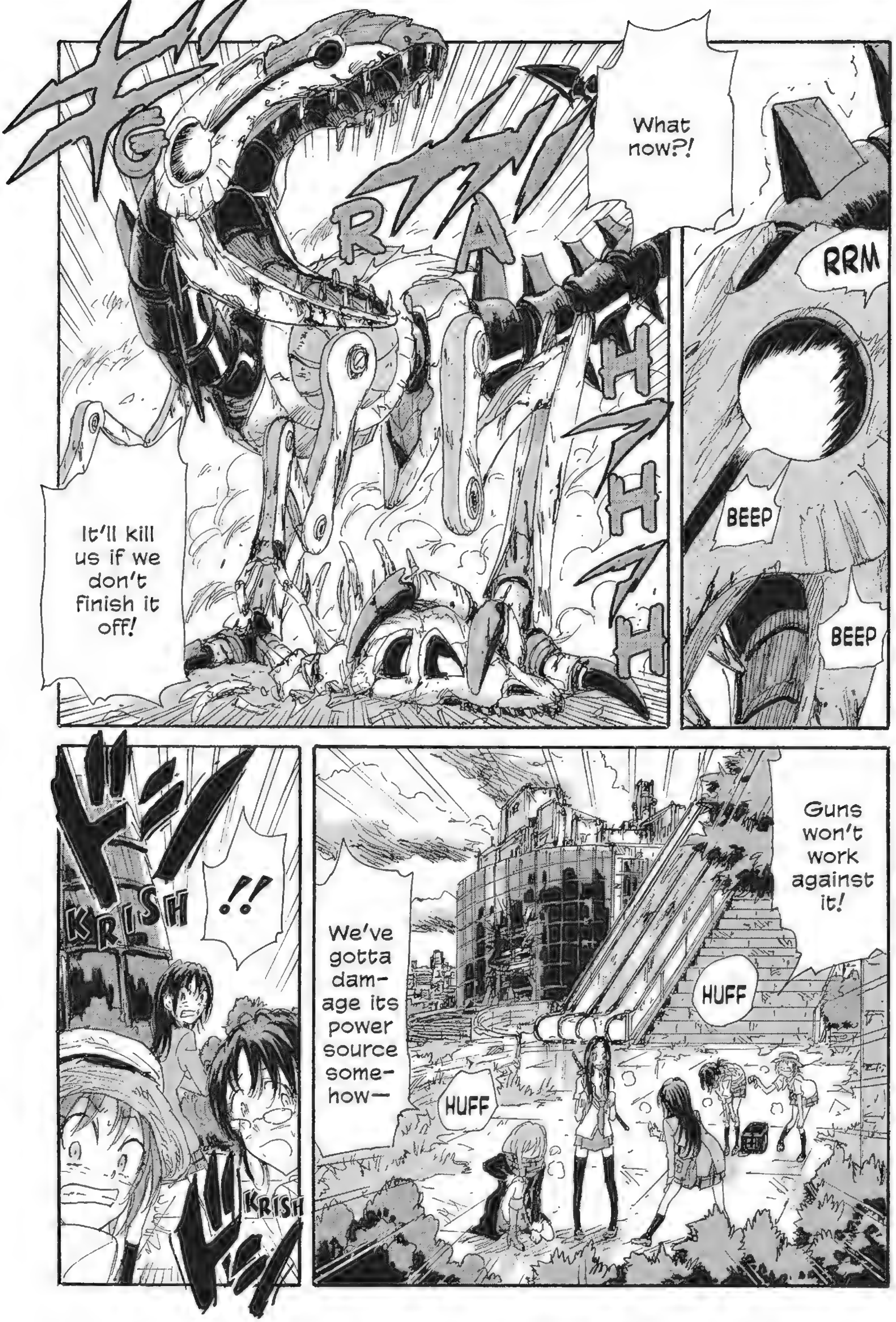

GRAAHHHH
BOOM
WHUD
SHNK
Hey clumsy!!
Don't make me work any harder! Run!!

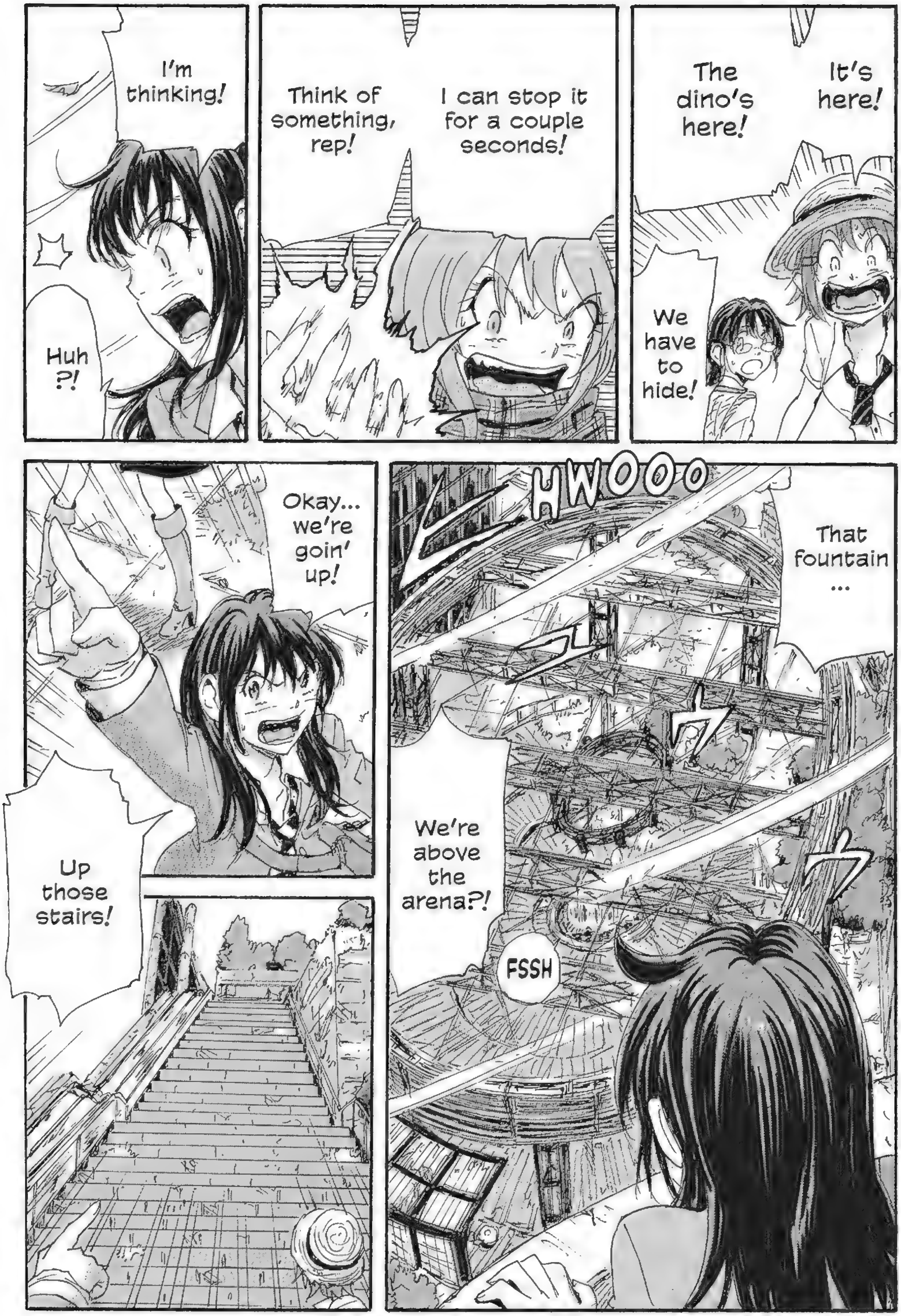

I-I'm running!
DASH
Taeko, over here!
...?!
"Fossiloid" ...?
FOSSILOID
BWOOM
?!
KCHK
KRAK

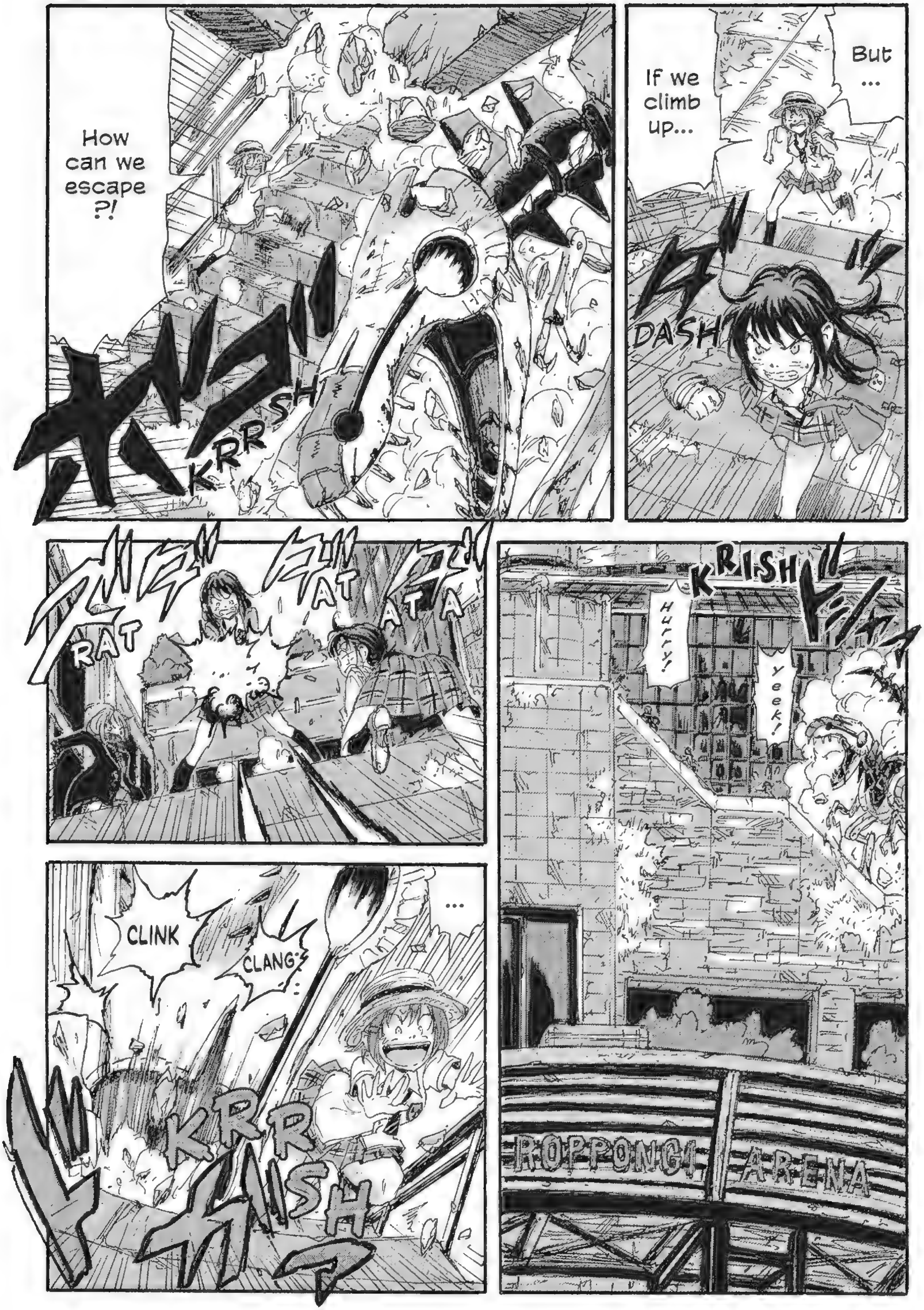

BASH
Gah!
FWUMP
TMP
Kanon!
TMP
Sis!
KROMF
Oh no!!
Eat this— A million volts!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

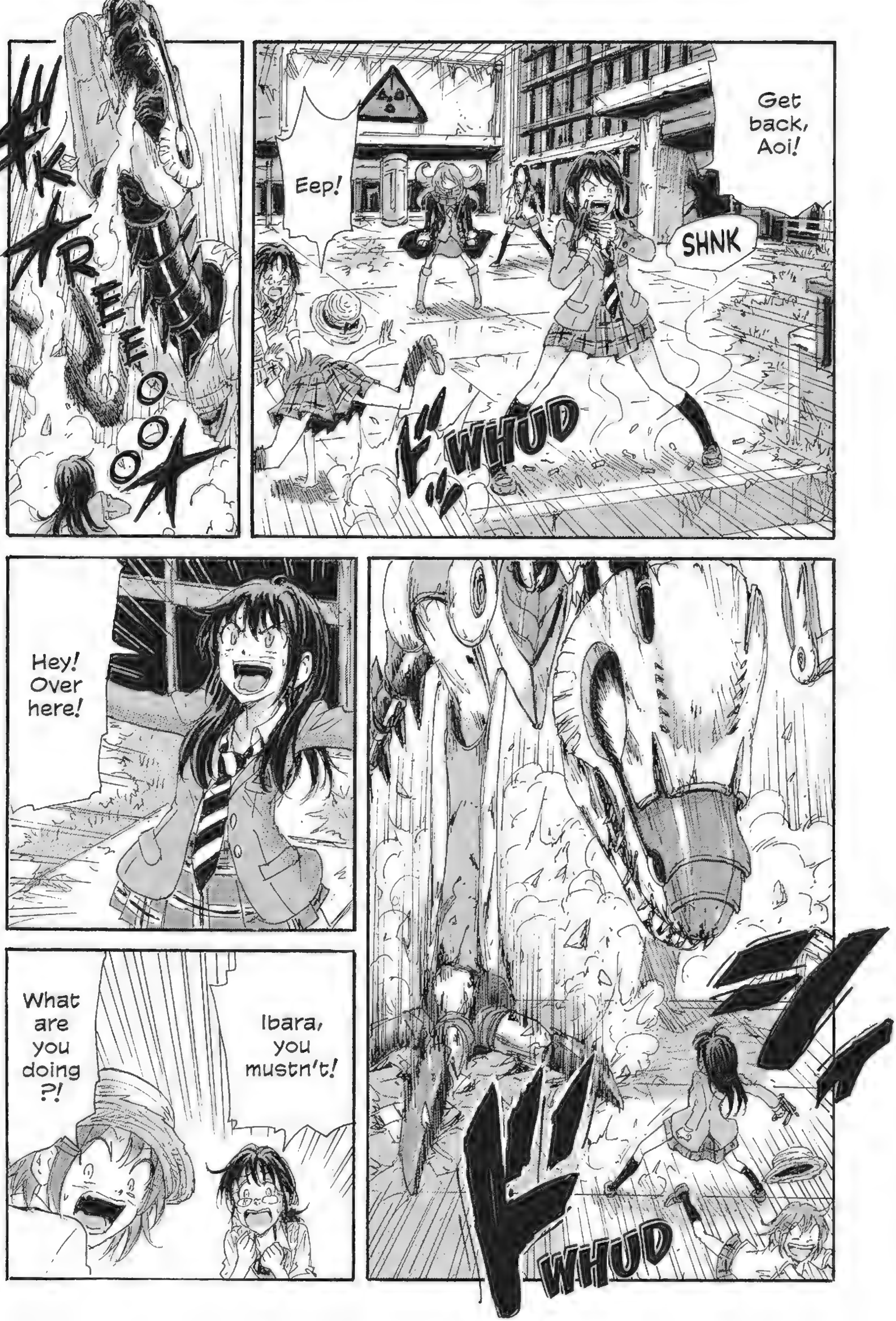

BZZT
BZZT
BOOM
TMP
Nice, Kanon!
Cool, sis!
Huh?!

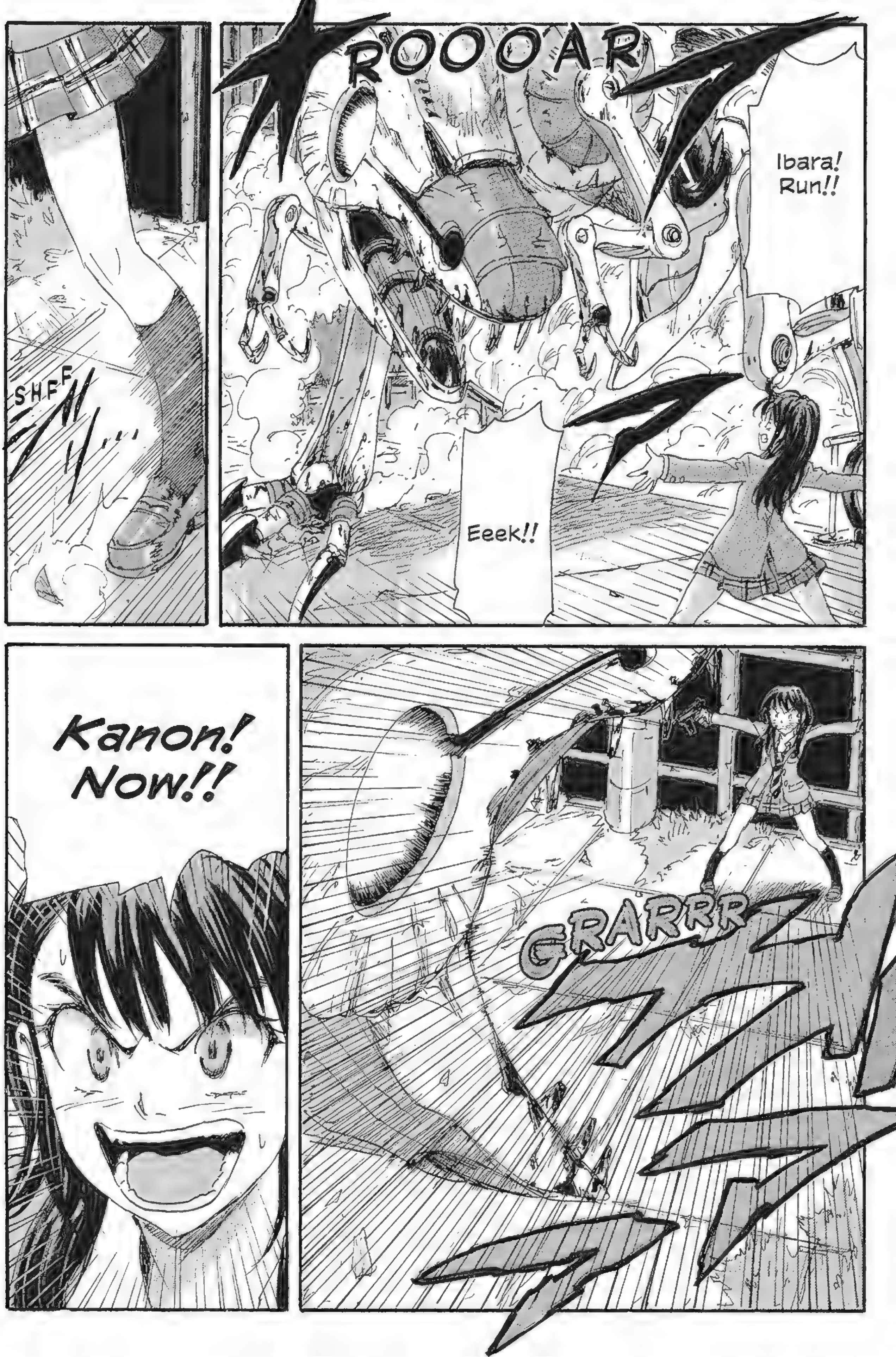

BZZZT
Ohh ?!
The shock worked, it stopped!
BZZZT
Now's our chance! Move!
DASH
B-But it's not dead yet, right?!
Ibara ...
There was a tiny logo on its chest!
It read "Fossiloid"!
Fossiloid?!
That's what it's called?!
Because it's a fossil droid?
That thing's got reinforced armor, and it's damn agile... It's not just any old piece of junk!
HUFF
HUFF

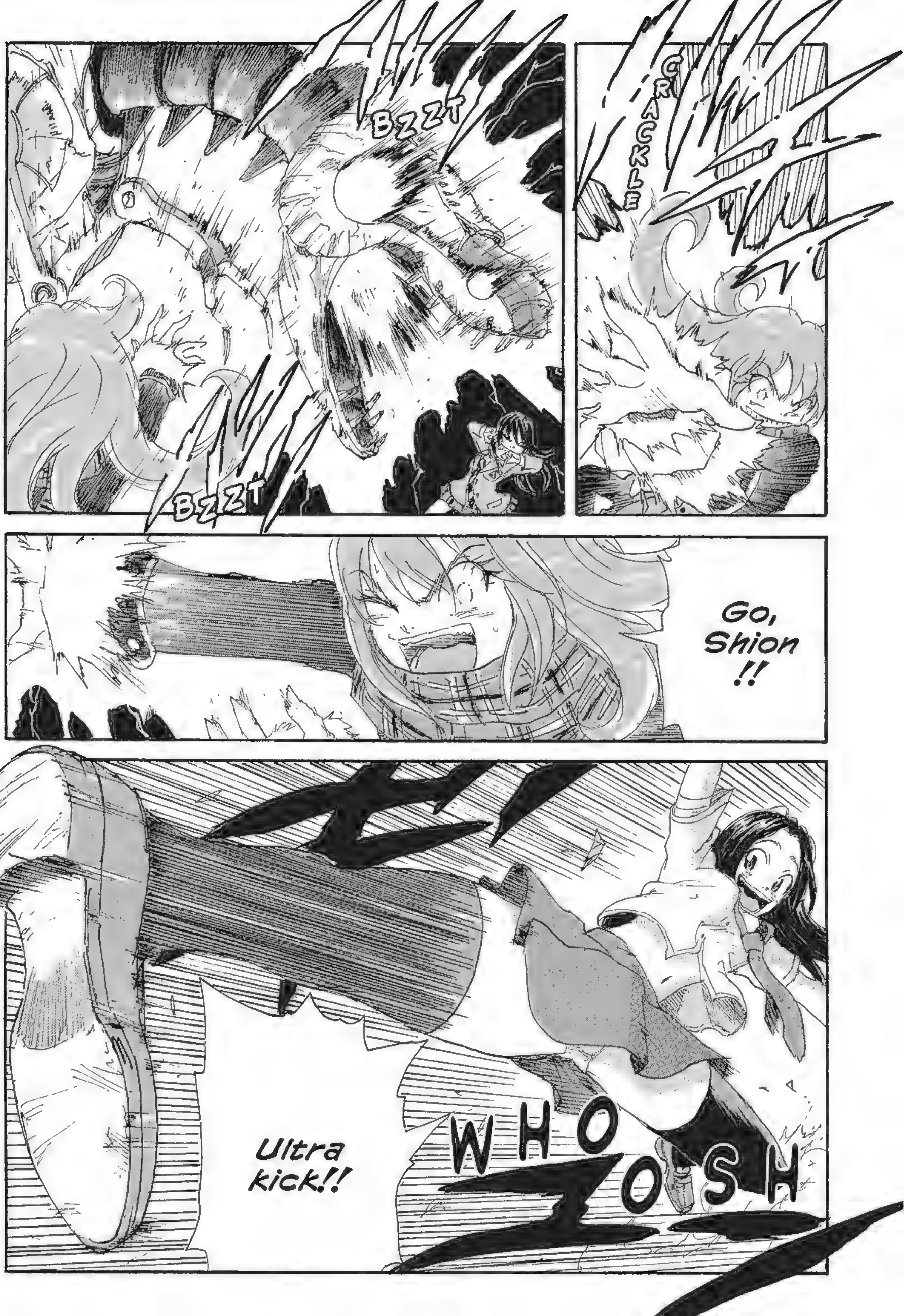

What now?!
RRM
BEEP
BEEP
GO
CRAHHHH
It'll kill us if we don't finish it off!
Guns won't work against it!
We've gotta damage its power source somehow—
HUFF
HUFF
KRISH
!!
KRISH

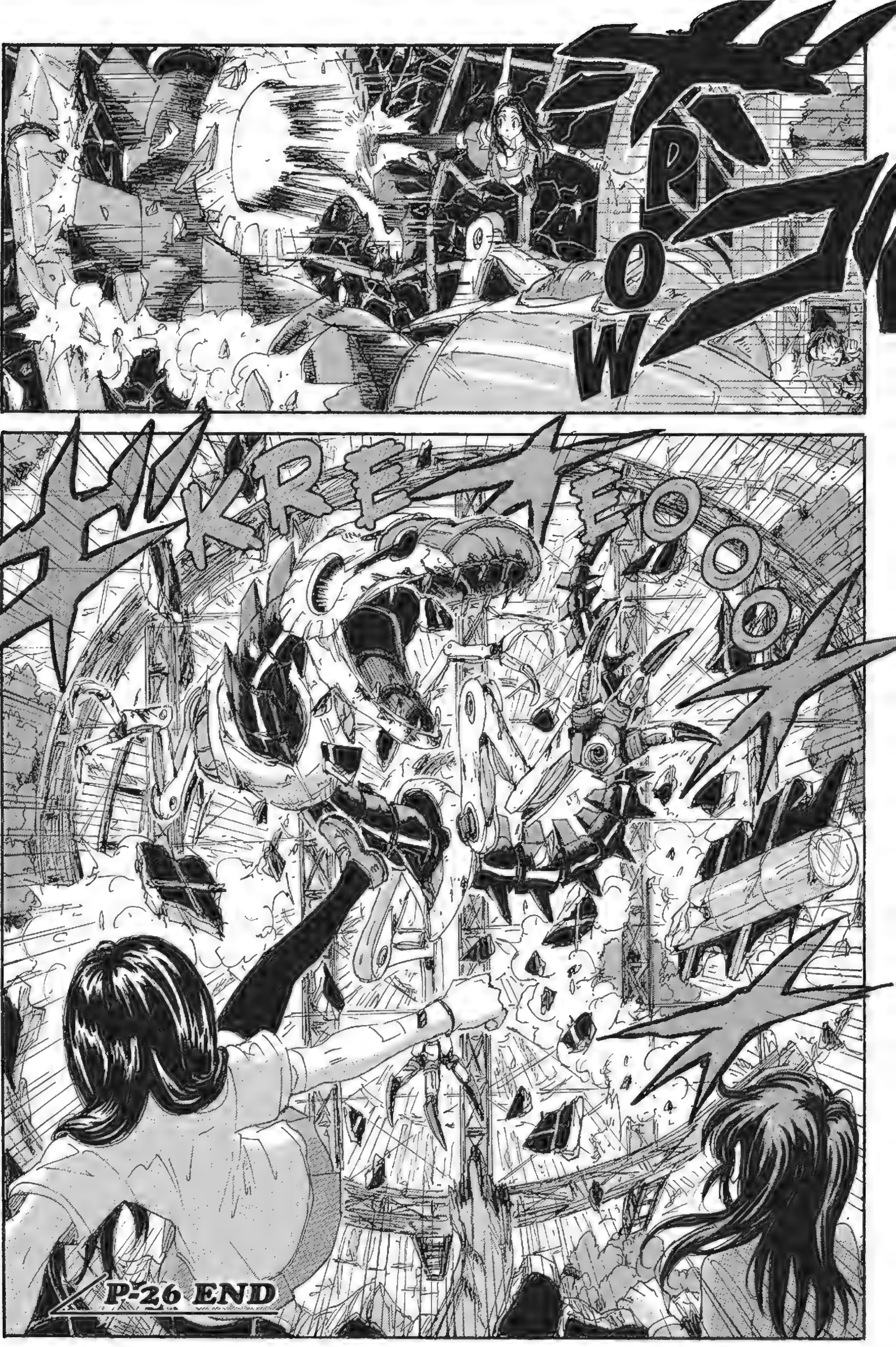

It's here!
The dino's here!
We have to hide!
I can stop it for a couple seconds!
Think of something, rep!
I'm thinking!
Huh?!
Okay... we're goin' up!
Up those stairs!
HWOOO
That fountain...
We're above the arena?!
FSSH

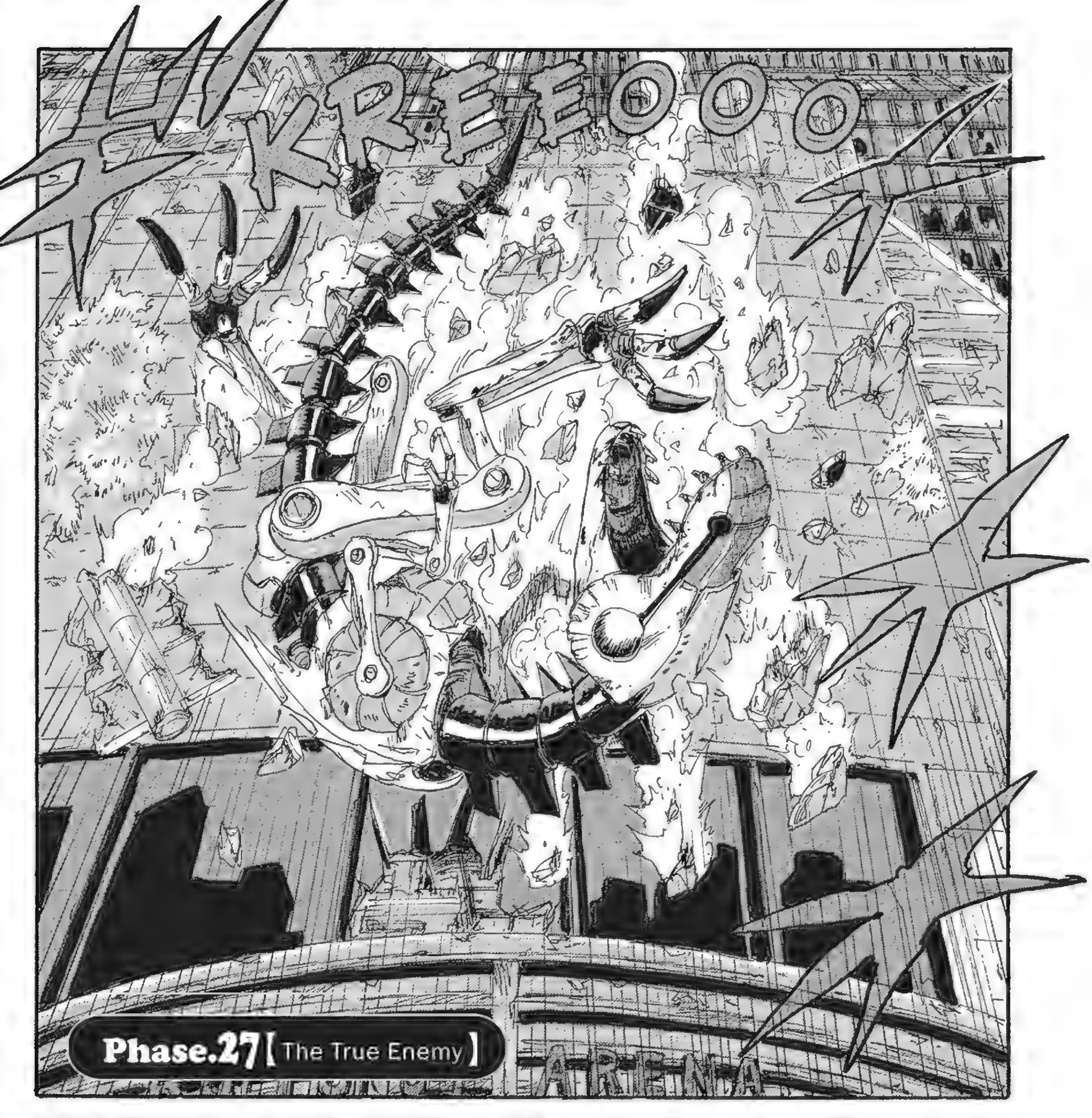

How can we escape?!
KRRSH
If we climb up...
But ...
DASH
RAT AT AT A
KRISH
Hurry!
Yeek!
ROPPONGI ARENA
CLINK
CLANG
...
KRR ISH


Get back, Aoi!
SHNK
Eep!
WHUD
KREEEOOOO
WHUD
Hey! Over here!
Ibara, you mustn't!
What are you doing?!

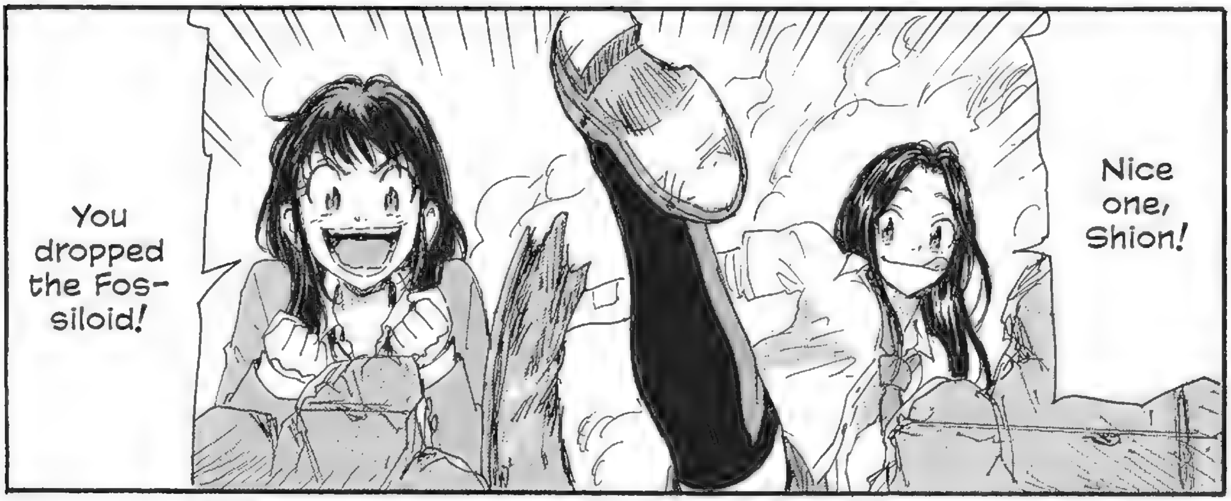

ROOOAR
Ibara! Run!!
Eeek!!
SHFF
GRARRR
Kanon! Now!!

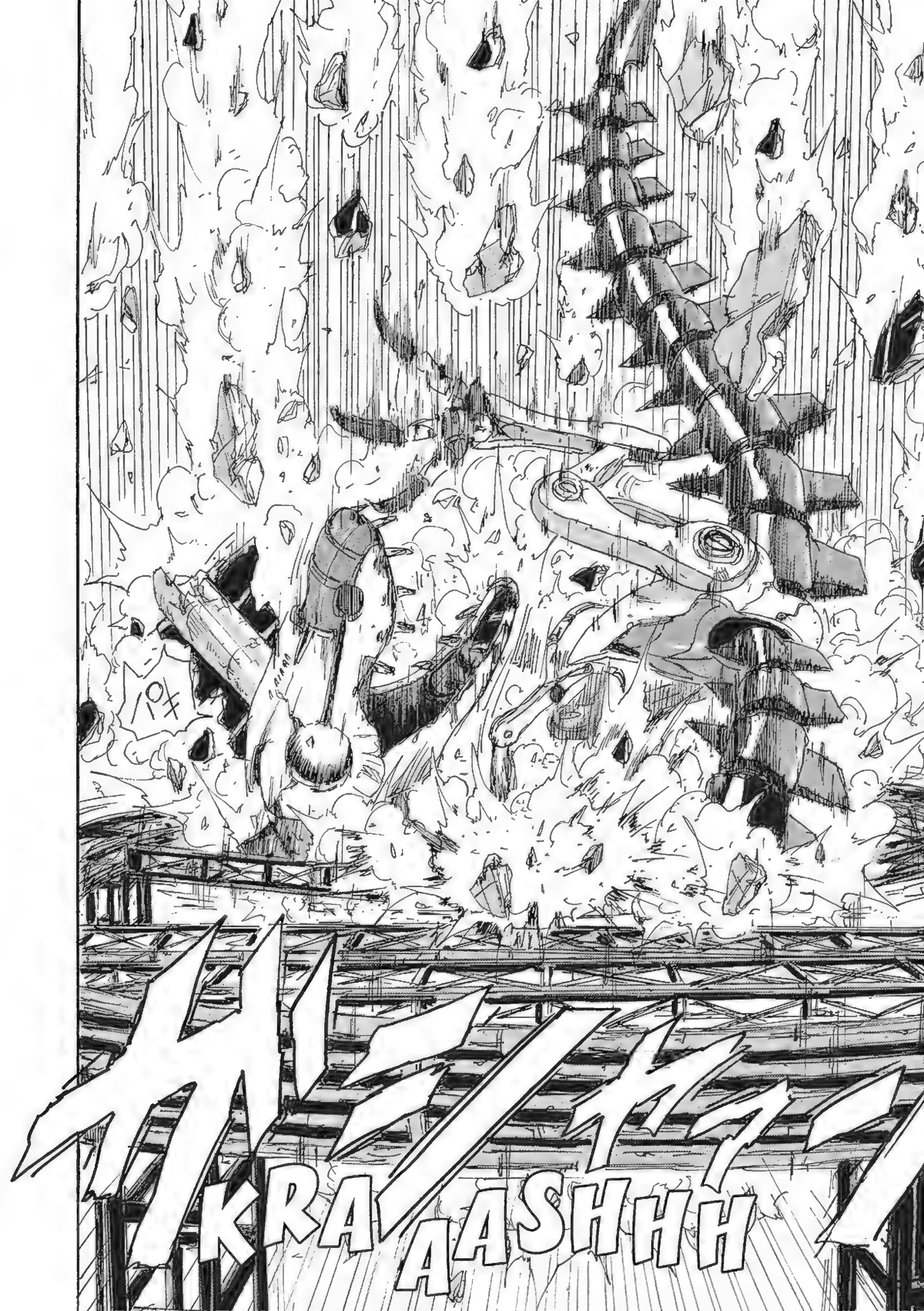

CRACKLE
BZZT
BZZT
Go, Shion!!
Ultra kick!!
WHOOSH

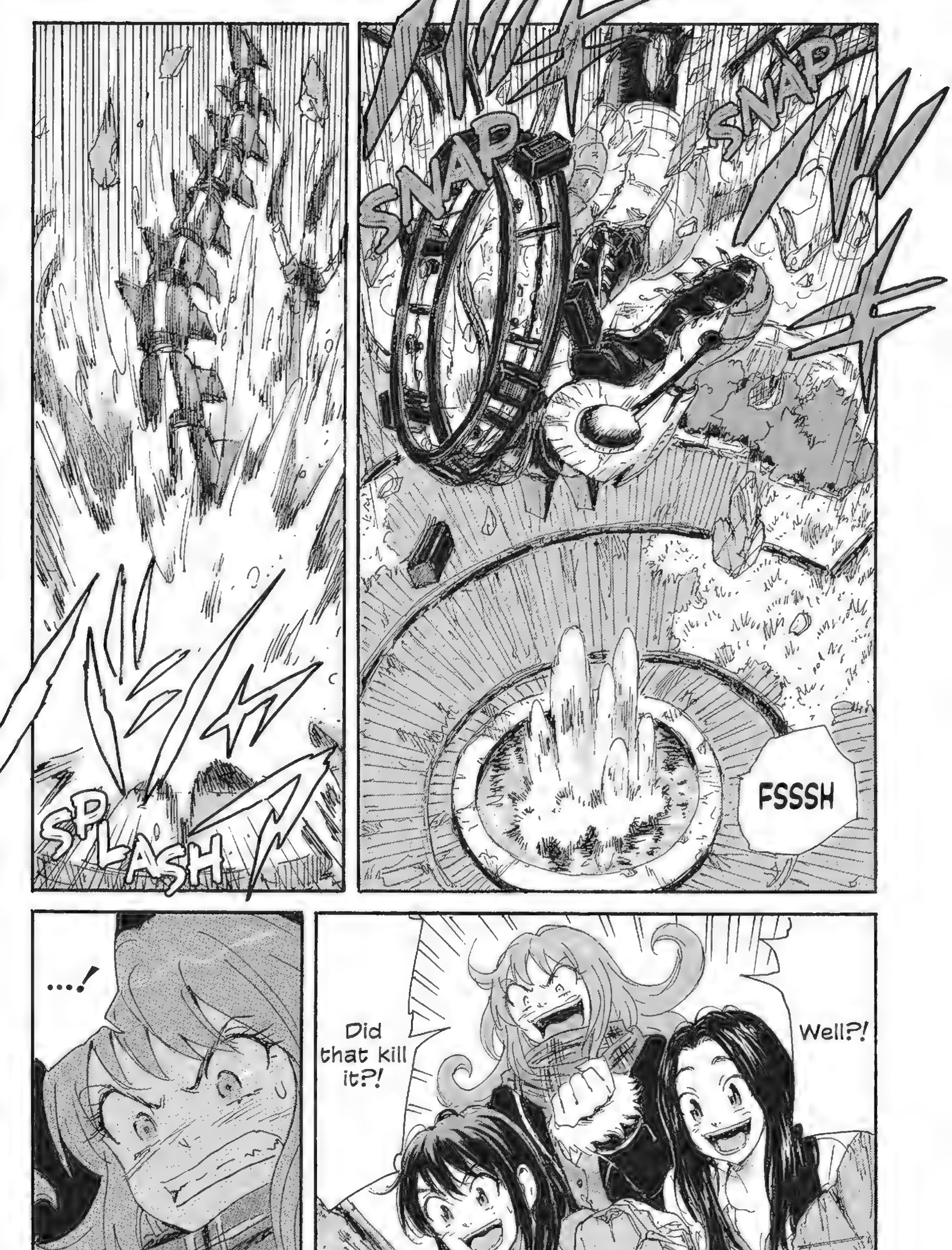

POW
KREEOOOO
P-26 END

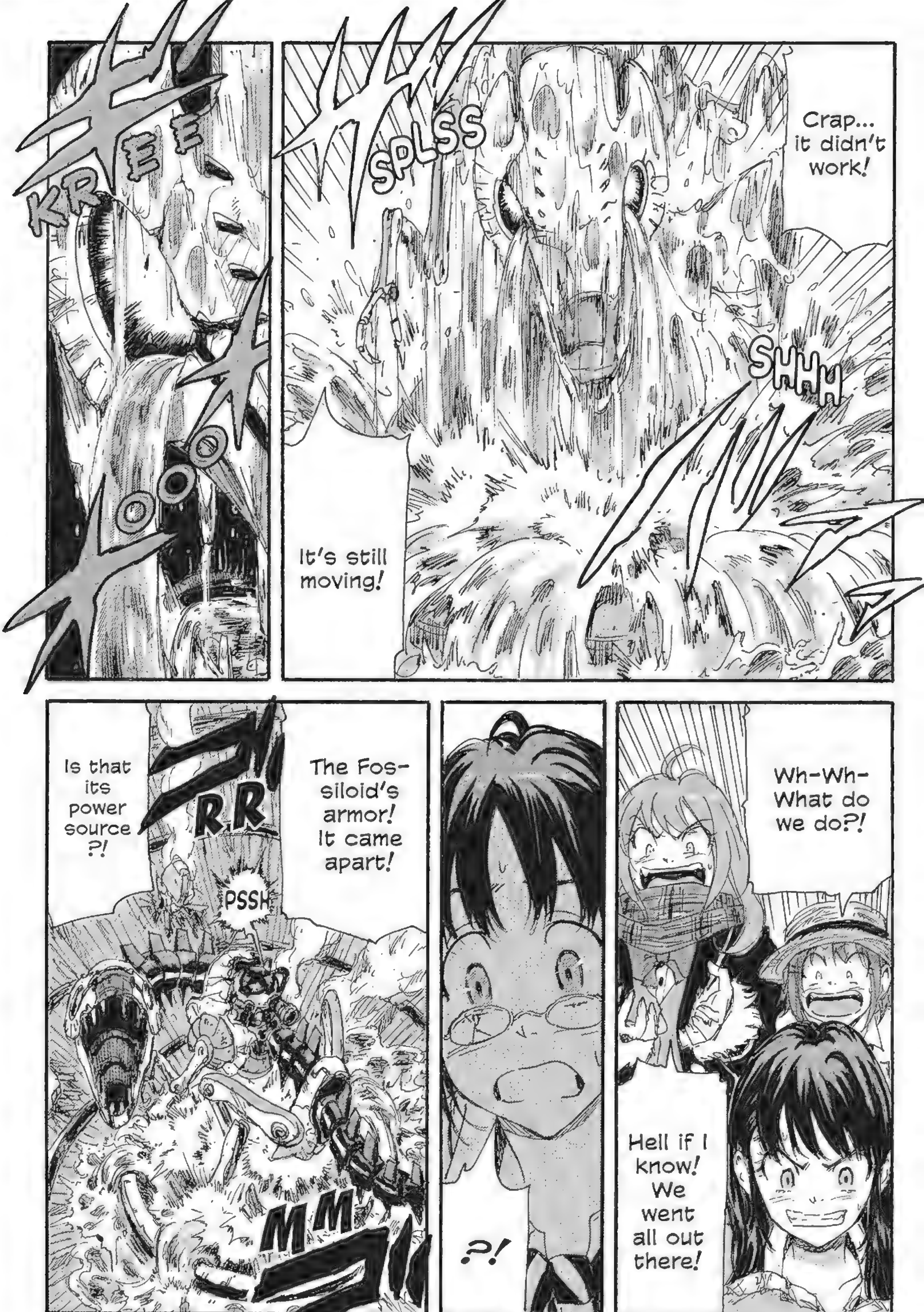

KREEOOO
ARENA

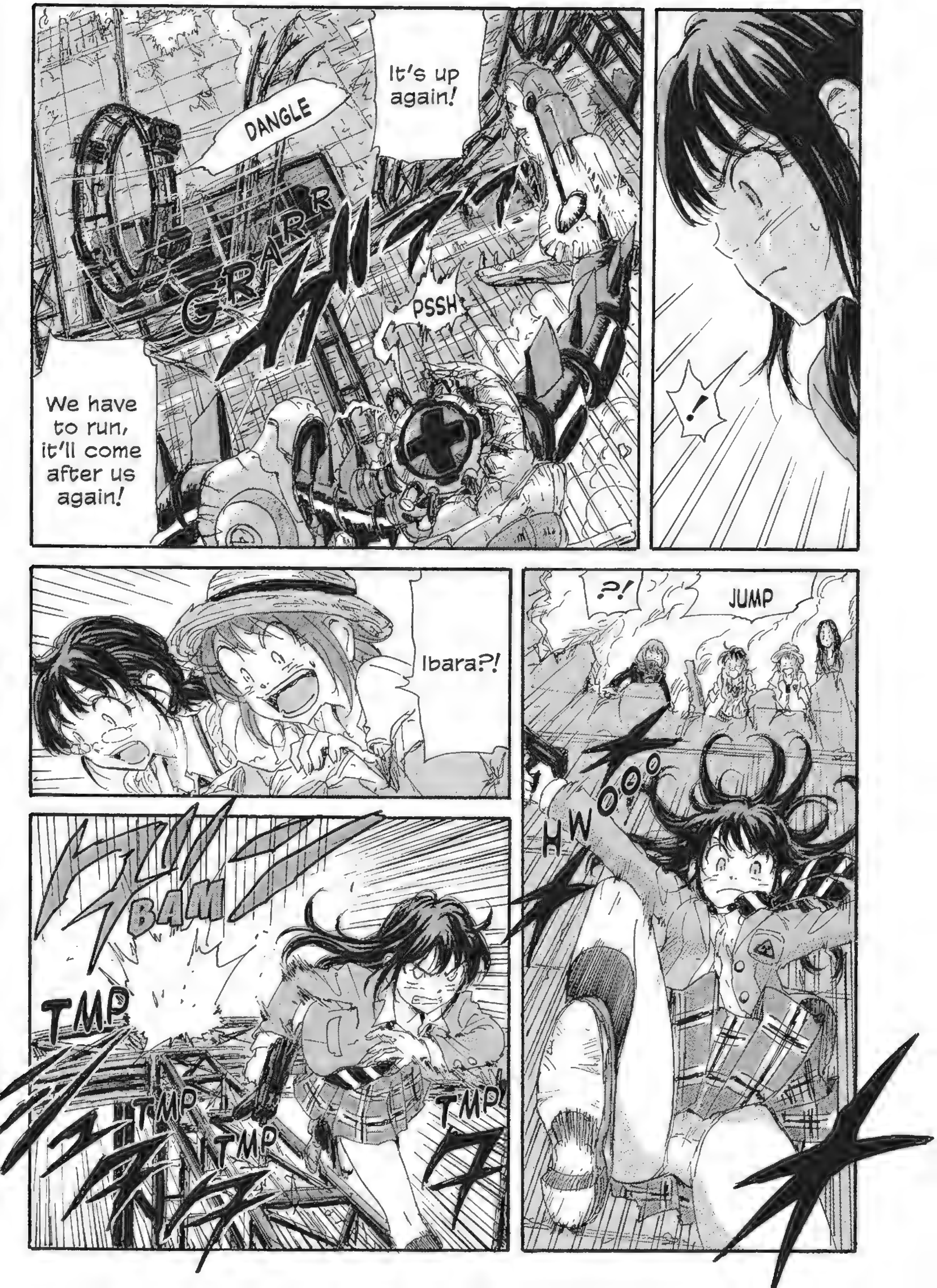
Phase.27 【The True Enemy】

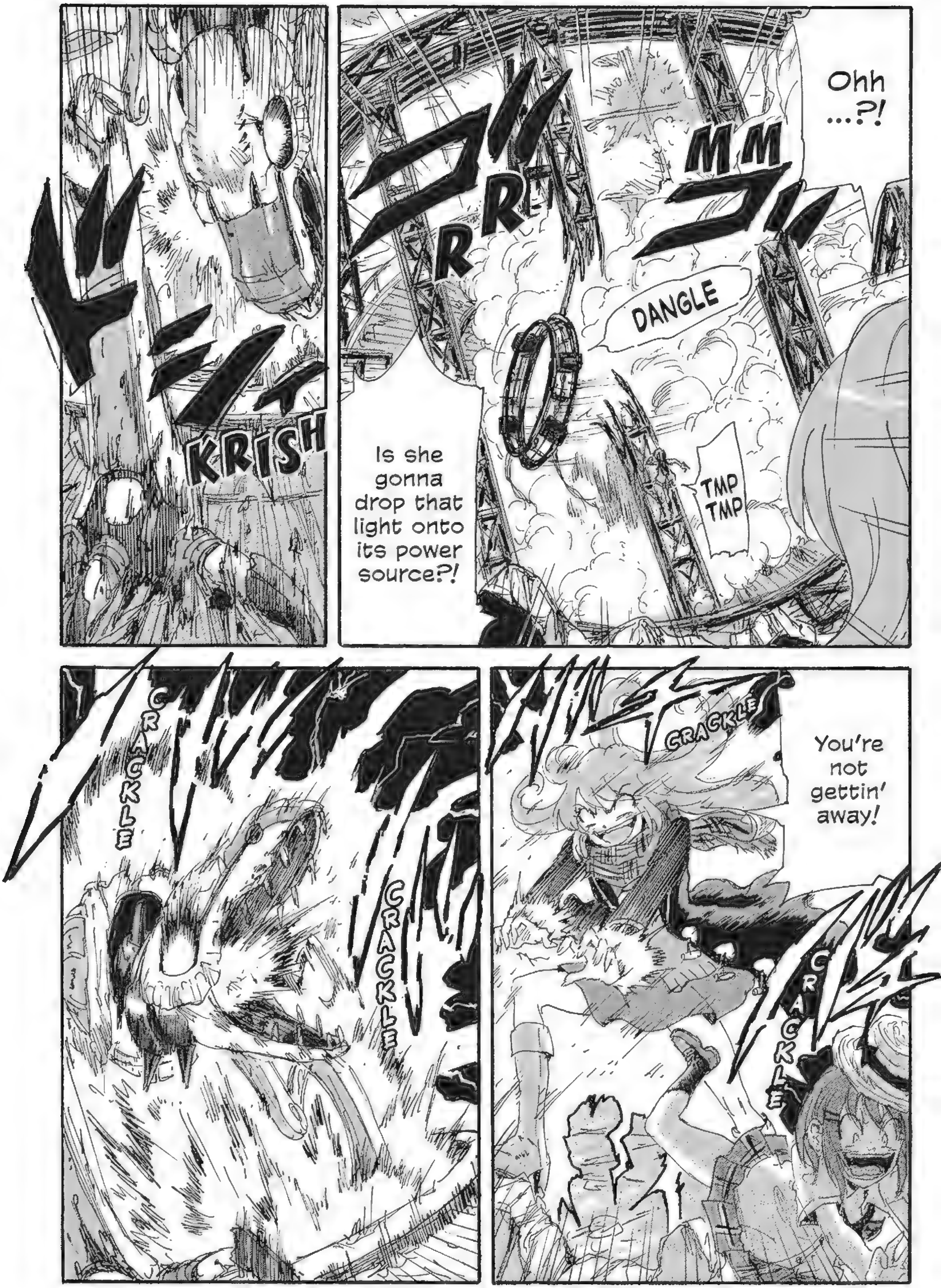

Nice one, Shion!
You dropped the Fossiloid!

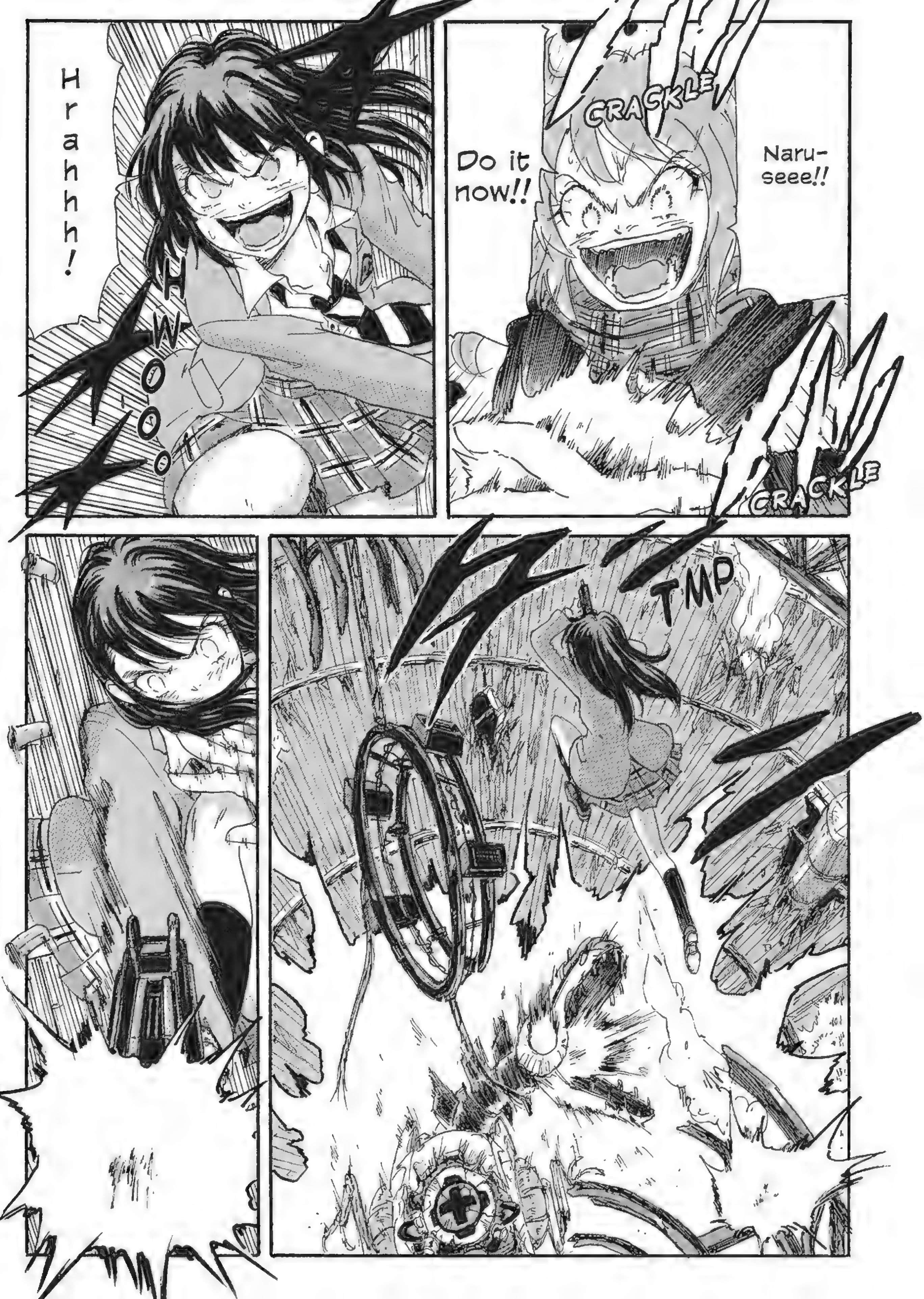

パキ
KRAAASHHH

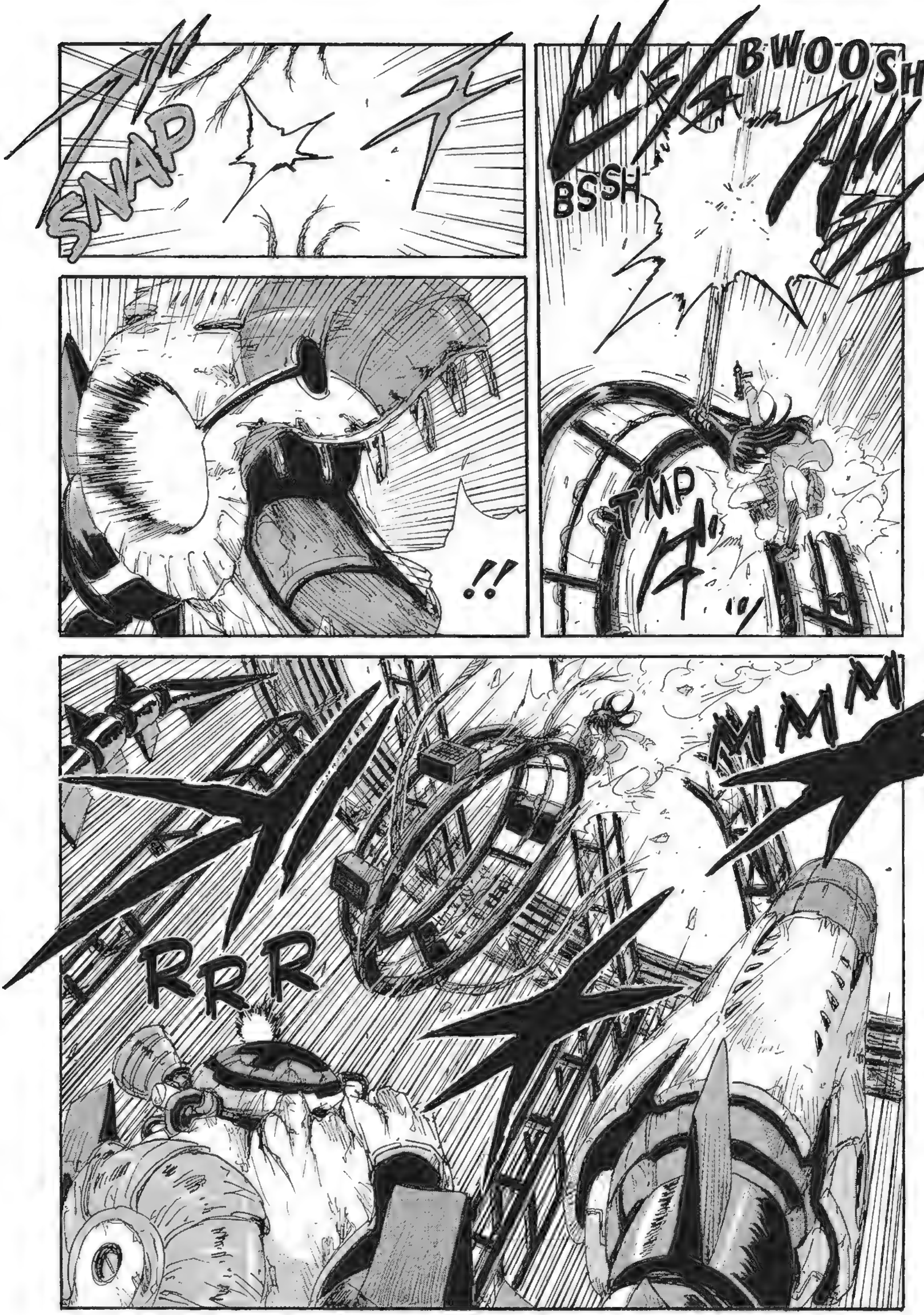

SNAP
SNAP
FSSSH
SPLASH
Well?!
Did that kill it?!
...!

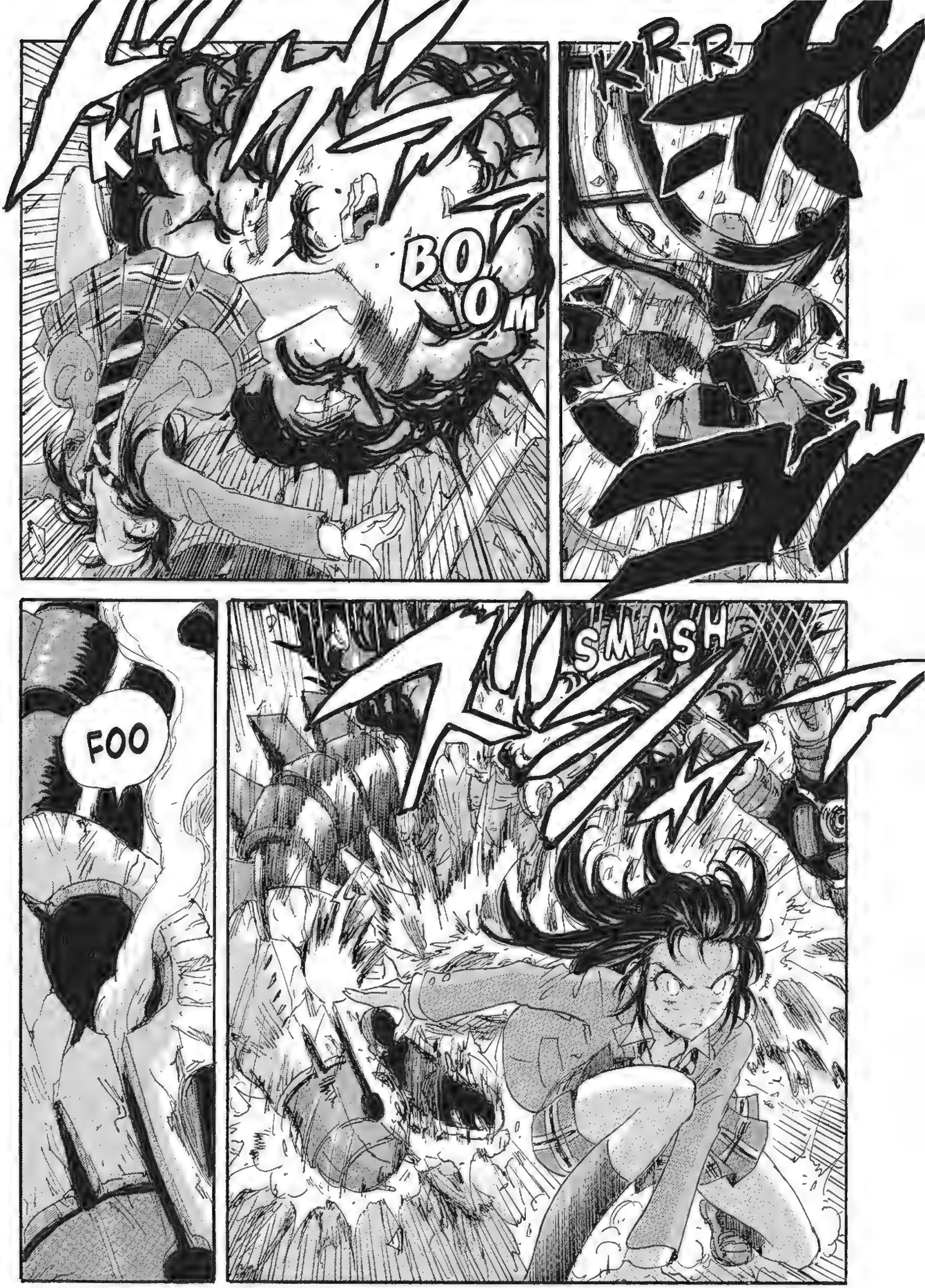

Crap... it didn't work!
SHHH
SPLSS
It's still moving!
KREEE
OOOO
Wh-Wh-What do we do?!
Hell if I know! We went all out there!
?!
The Fossiloid's armor! It came apart!
Is that its power source?!
RR
PSSH
MM

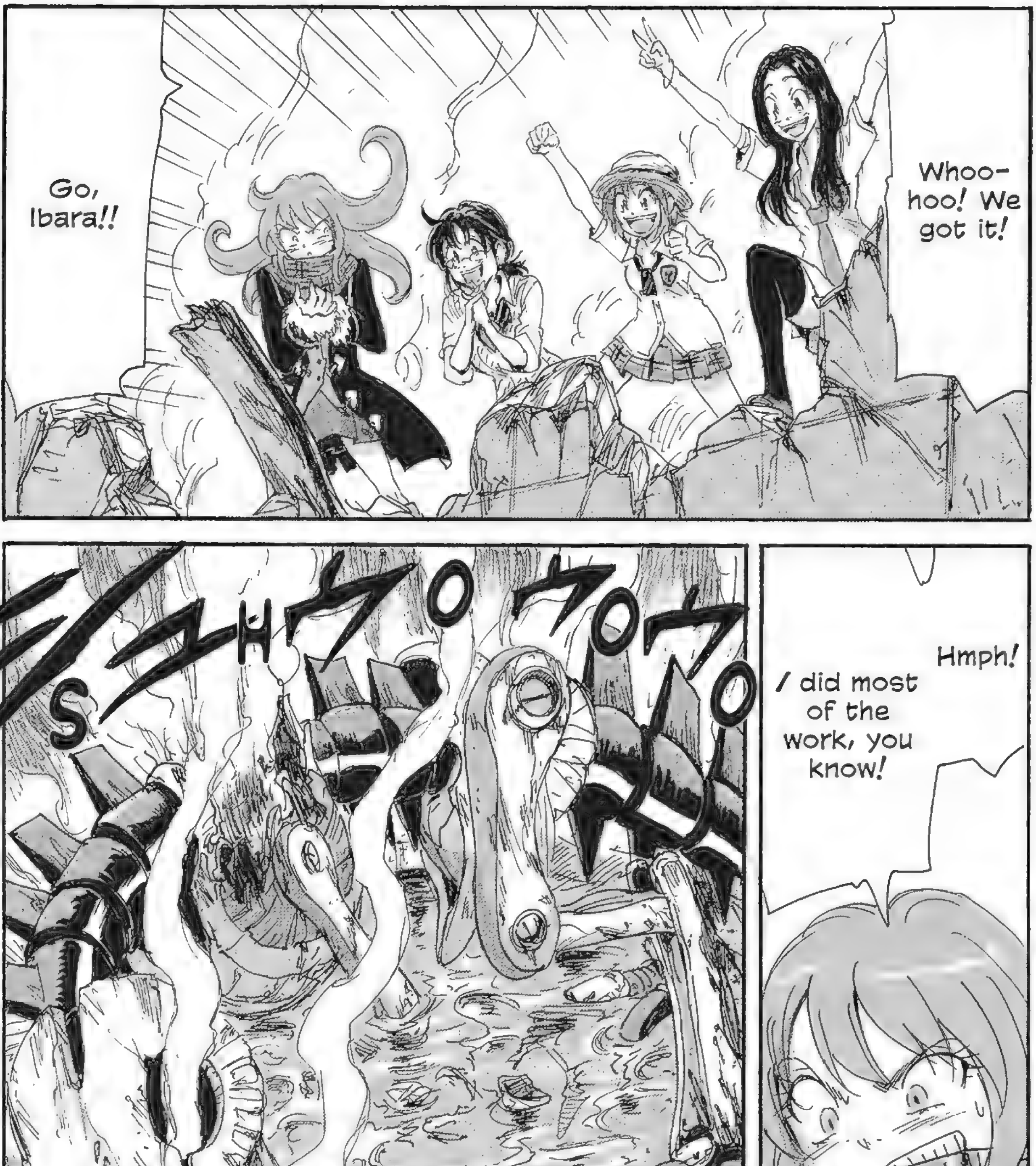

!
It's up again!
DANGLE
GRARR
PSSH
We have to run, it'll come after us again!
?!
JUMP
HWOOOO
Ibara?!
BAM
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

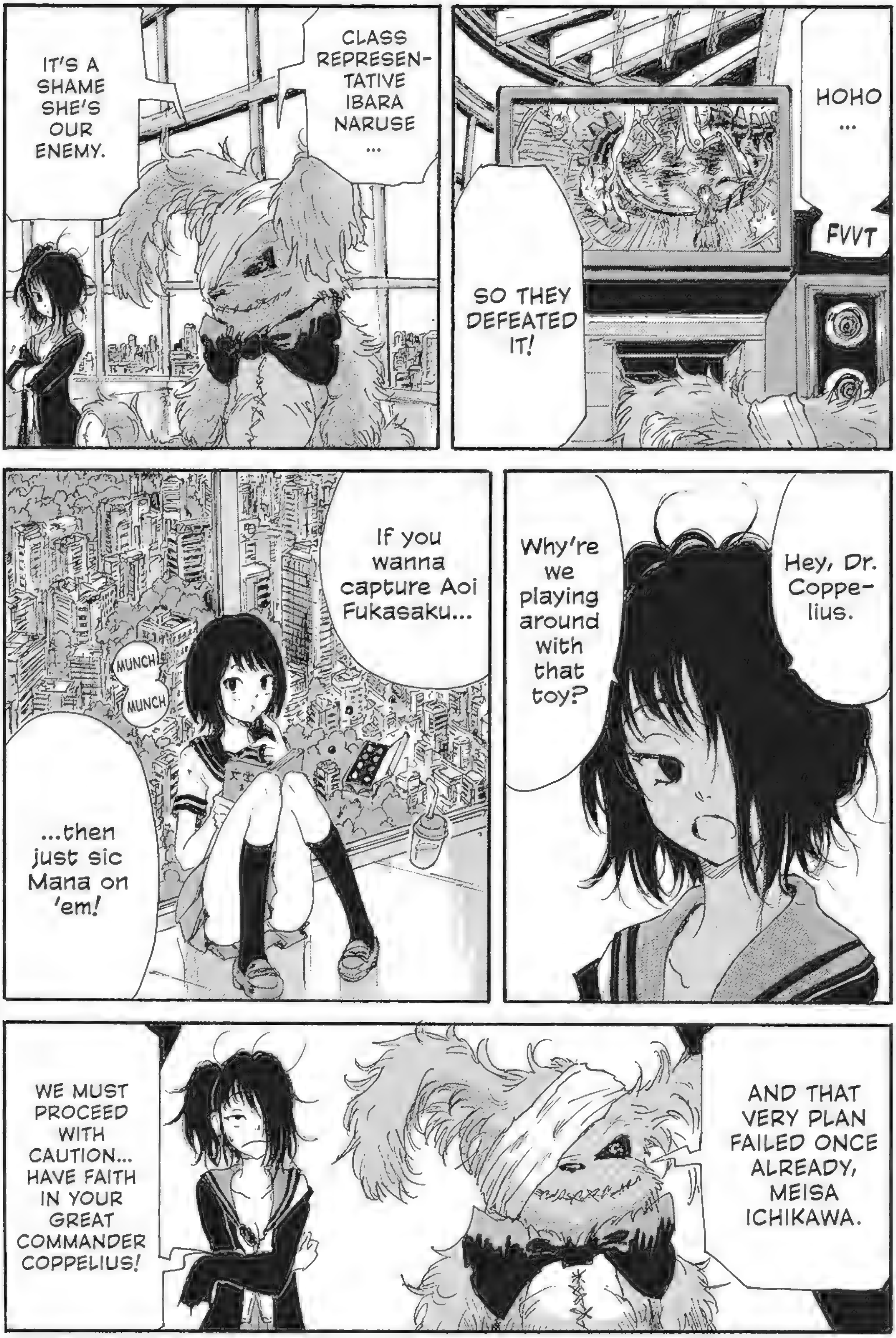

Ohh ...?!
MM
RRR
DANGLE
TMP TMP
Is she gonna drop that light onto its power source?!
KRISH
CRACKLE
You're not gettin' away!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

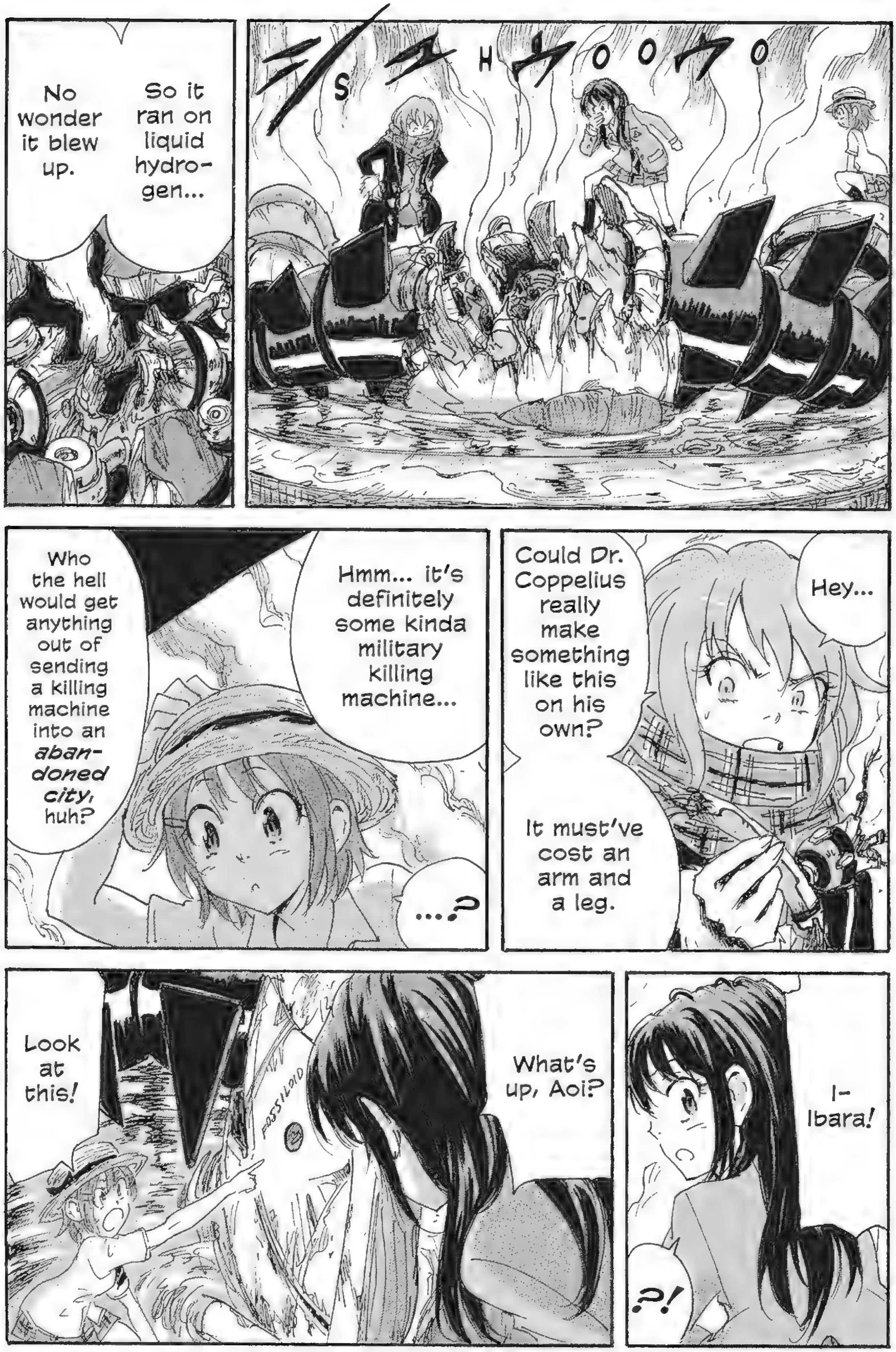

CRACKLE
Naru-seee!!
Do it now!!
CRACKLE
Hrahhh!
HWOOOO
TMP

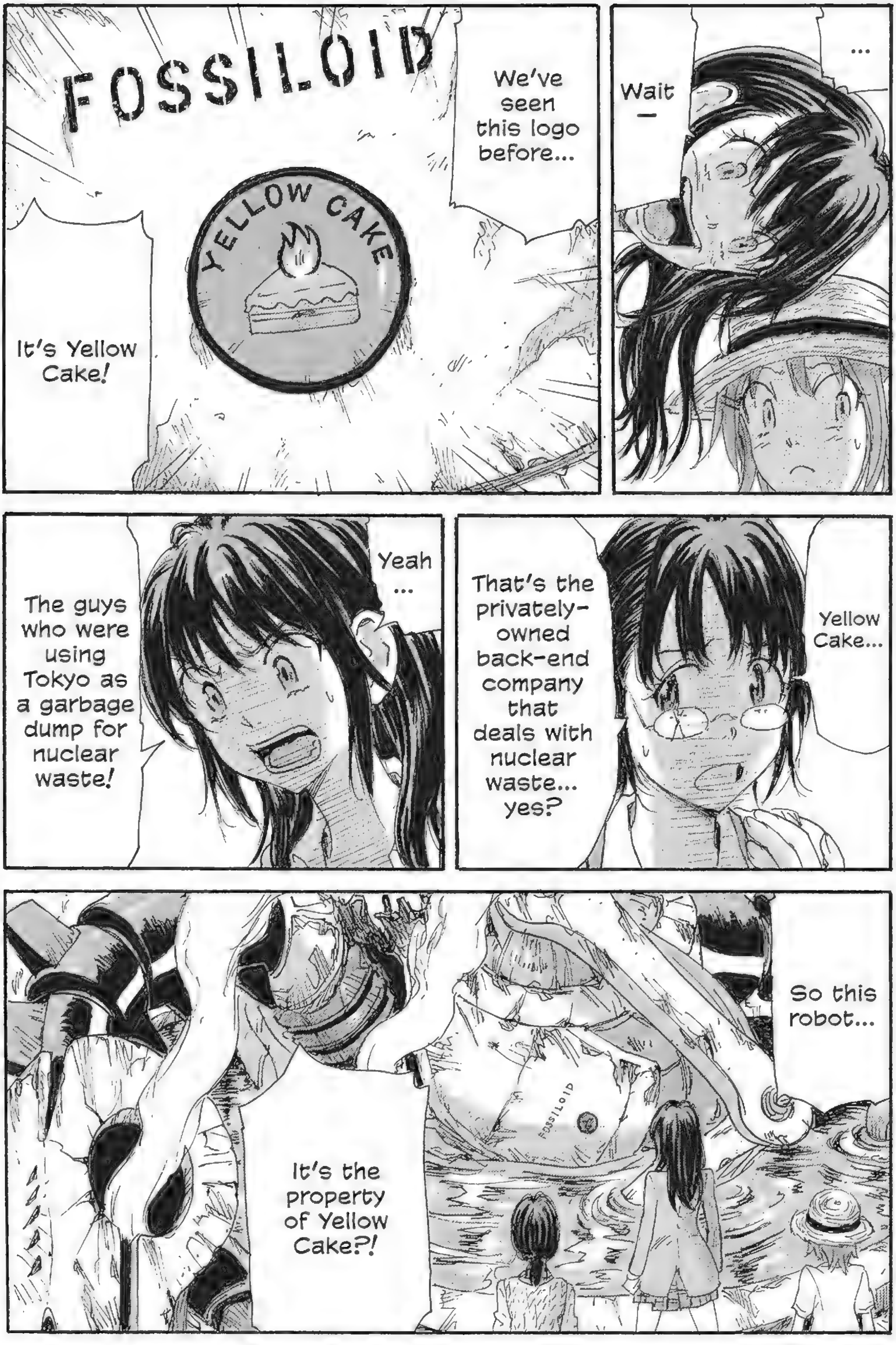

BWOOSH
BSSH
SNAP
TMP
!!
MMM
RRR

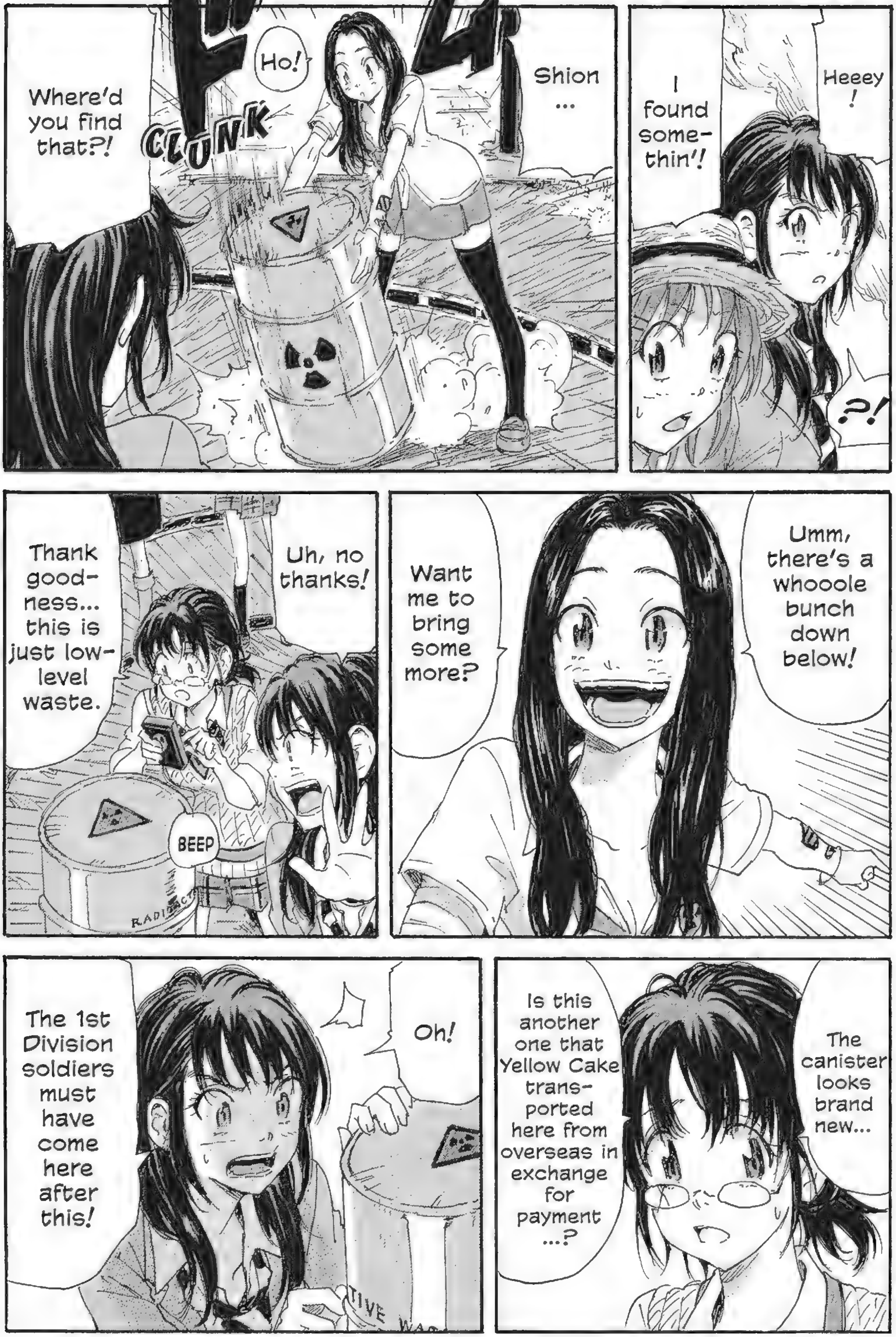

KRR
SH
KA
BOOM
SMASH
FOO

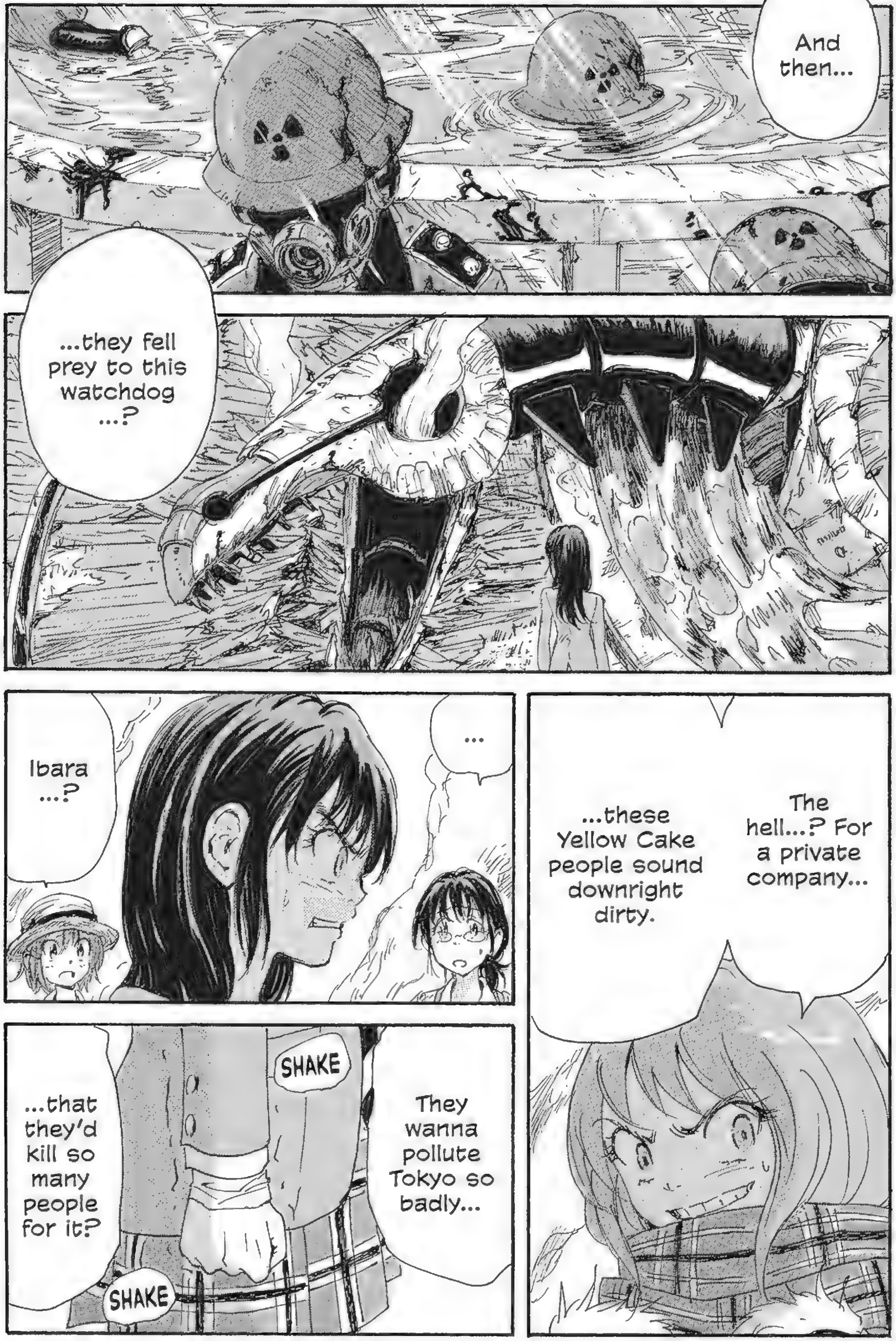

Whoo-hoo! We got it!
Go, Ibara!!
Hmph!
I did most of the work, you know!
SHOOOOO

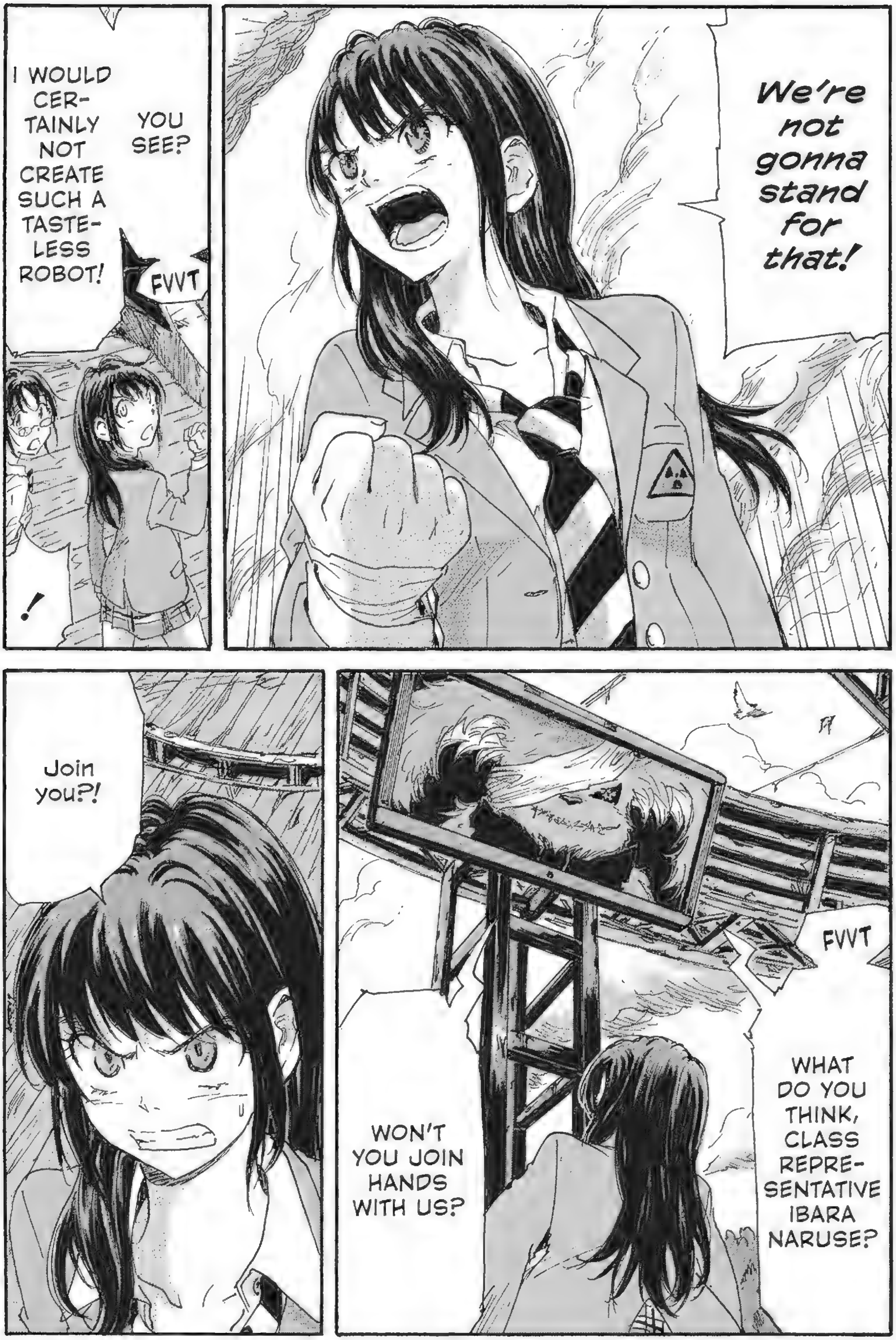

HOHO...
FVVT
SO THEY DEFEATED IT!
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE IBARA NARUSE...
IT'S A SHAME SHE'S OUR ENEMY.
Hey, Dr. Coppelius.
Why're we playing around with that toy?
If you wanna capture Aoi Fukasaku...
MUNCH
MUNCH
...then just sic Mana on 'em!
AND THAT VERY PLAN FAILED ONCE ALREADY, MEISA ICHIKAWA.
WE MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION... HAVE FAITH IN YOUR GREAT COMMANDER COPPELIUS!

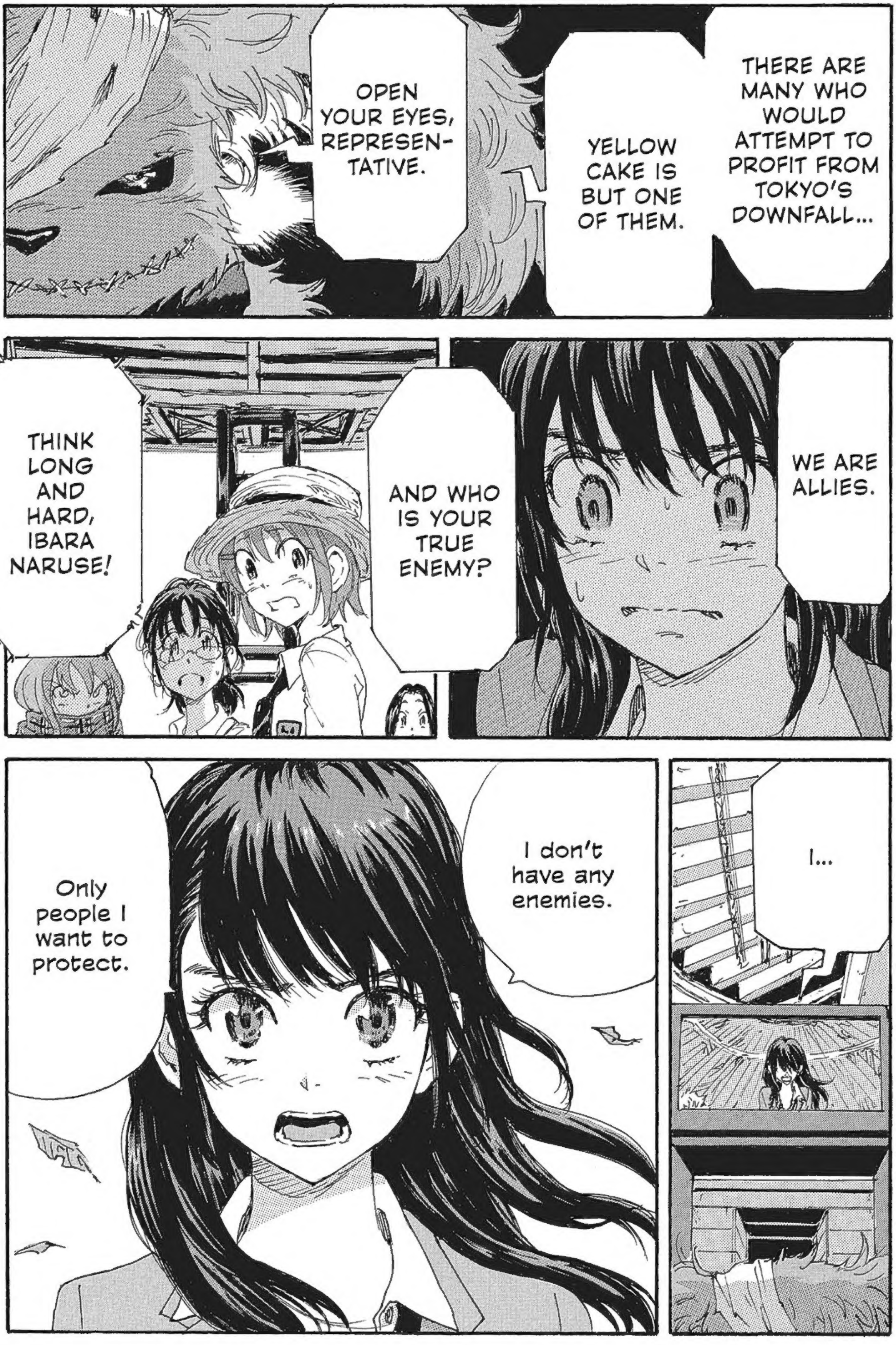

シュウウ SHOOOO
So it ran on liquid hydrogen...
No wonder it blew up.
Hey...
Could Dr. Coppelius really make something like this on his own?
It must've cost an arm and a leg.
Hmm... it's definitely some kinda military killing machine...
Who the hell would get anything out of sending a killing machine into an *abandoned city*, huh?
...?
I-Ibara!
?!
What's up, Aoi?
Look at this!
FOSSILOID

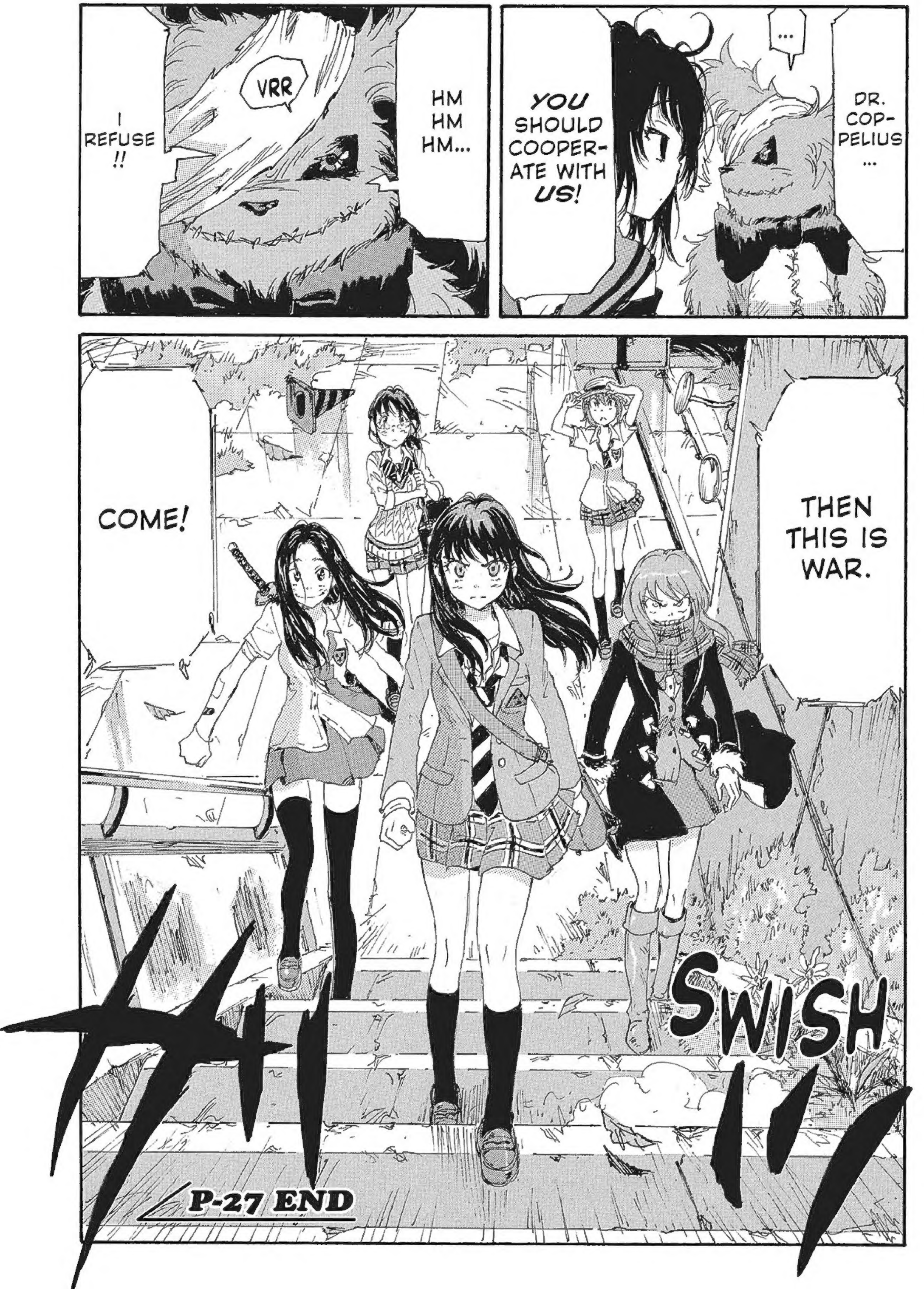

...
Wait —
FOSSILOID
YELLOW CAKE
We've seen this logo before...
It's Yellow Cake!
Yellow Cake...
That's the privately-owned back-end company that deals with nuclear waste... yes?
Yeah ...
The guys who were using Tokyo as a garbage dump for nuclear waste!
So this robot...
FOSSILOID
It's the property of Yellow Cake?!


Heeey!
I found somethin'!
?!
Shion…
Ho!
CLUNK
Where'd you find that?!
Umm, there's a whooole bunch down below!
Want me to bring some more?
Uh, no thanks!
Thank goodness… this is just low-level waste.
BEEP
RADIOACT
The canister looks brand new…
Is this another one that Yellow Cake transported here from overseas in exchange for payment…?
Oh!
The 1st Division soldiers must have come here after this!
TIVE WA


And then...
...they fell prey to this watchdog ...?
The hell...? For a private company...
...these Yellow Cake people sound downright dirty.
...
Ibara ...?
They wanna pollute Tokyo so badly...
SHAKE
...that they'd kill so many people for it?
SHAKE


We're not gonna stand for that!
YOU SEE?
I WOULD CERTAINLY NOT CREATE SUCH A TASTELESS ROBOT!
FVVT
!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, CLASS REPRESENTATIVE IBARA NARUSE?
WON'T YOU JOIN HANDS WITH US?
FVVT
Join you?!


THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD ATTEMPT TO PROFIT FROM TOKYO'S DOWNFALL...
YELLOW CAKE IS BUT ONE OF THEM.
OPEN YOUR EYES, REPRESENTATIVE.
WE ARE ALLIES.
AND WHO IS YOUR TRUE ENEMY?
THINK LONG AND HARD, IBARA NARUSE!
I...
I don't have any enemies.
Only people I want to protect.


...
DR. COPPELIUS...
YOU SHOULD COOPERATE WITH *US*!
HM HM HM...
VRR
I REFUSE!!
THEN THIS IS WAR.
COME!
SWISH

P-27 END

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